Ex.1

*Ответить на вопросы:*

1. Is nature the source of people's life?

Yes, it is.

1. For thousands of years people lived in harmony with nature, didn't they?

Yes, they did.

1. Has man's interference in nature increased with the development of civilization? What has it led to?

Yes, it has. Large cities with thousands of smoky industrial enterprises appear all over the world today. The by-products of their activity pollute the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we grow grain and vegetables.

1. Why did some species of animals, birds, plants disappear from the Earth?

Because every year world industry pollutes the atmosphere with about 1000 million tons of dust and other harmful substances. Many cities suffer from smog. Vast forests are cut and burn in fire. Their disappearance upsets the oxygen balance. As a result, some rare species of animals, birds, fish and plants disappear forever.

1. What is the result of man's careless interaction with nature?

The pollution of air and the world's ocean, destruction of the ozone layer is the result of man's careless interaction with nature.

1. What do you know about the Chernobyl ecological disaster?

I know that it is the most horrible ecological disaster befell Belarus and Ukraine. This tragedy happened in April 1986. About 18 per cent of the territory of Belarus was polluted with radioactive substances. A great damage has been done to the republics' agriculture, forests and people's health

1. What are the consequences of this tragedy?

The consequences of this tragedy are tragic for the Belarusian and Ukrainian nations.

1. Environmental protection is a universal concern of everyone, isn't it?

Yes, it is.

1. Has anything been done to solve ecological problems?

Yes, it has. Some progress has been already made in this direction. As many as 159 countries — members of the UNO — have set up environmental protection agencies. Numerous conferences have been held by these agencies to discuss questions of ecologically poor regions including the Aral Sea, the South Urals, Kuzbass, Donbass, Semipalatinsk and Chernobyl. The international environmental research centre has been set up on Lake Baikal. The international organization Greenpeaceis also doing much to preserve the environment.

1. Is international cooperation necessary to create a system of ecological security? Whydo you think so?

Yes, it is. Because this is a problem not only of one people, but of the whole of mankind, if there was a technological tragedy that affects not only a small area, but also other cities or countries.

Ex.2

*Составьте предложения, используя выделенные слова и словосочетания:*

1. **The protection of nature** is one of the main tasks of mankind.
2. **Environmental problems** сan significantly affect the whole planet.
3. **Air pollution badly** affects the health of people and animals.
4. Many cities and regions **suffer from smog.**
5. Serious measures to create a system of ecological security **should be taken.**