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**Ex. 1**

1. Yes, nature is a source of energy for peoples life. Since ancient times Nature has served Man, being the source of his life.
2. For thousands of years people lived in harmony with environment and it seemed to them that natural riches were unlimited.
3. Yes, human intervention in nature intensified with the development of civilization. The by-products of their activity pollute the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we grow grain and vegetables, 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, a number of rivers and lakes dry up.
4. They disappeared due to deforestation, which provided oxygen balance for animals, birds, fish and plants.
5. The pollution of air and the world's ocean, destruction of the ozone layer is the result of man's careless interaction with nature, a sign of ecological crises.
6. The most horrible ecological disaster befell Belarus and Ukraine, their people in the result of the Chernobyl tragedy 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.
7. Contamination of a large part of the territory with harmful radioactive substances, damage to many species of animals and plants.
8. Environmental protection is a universal concern. That is why serious measures to create a system of ecological security should be taken.
9. Some progress has been already made in this direction. As many as 159 countries — members of the UNO — have set up environmental protection agencies. he international organization Greenpeace is also doing much to preserve the environment.
10. Yes, we need it, because only through the unification of many states can we succeed in protecting the environment.

**Ex. 2**

1. **The protection of nature** is the source of man's life.
2. **Environmental problems** have a negative effect on animals and plants.
3. **Air pollution** kills an estimated seven million people worldwide every year.
4. Many cities of China **suffer from smog**.
5. Environmental protection measures **should be taken** worldwide.