



INDIAN SCHOOL NIZWA - WORKSHEET

ENGLISH READING PASSAGE

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Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Polythene shopping bags and wrappers are a potential threat to urban environment. Once you have discarded them after use, you do not lose your link with them. They return to you in a variety of ways, though you do not realize it. For example, they choke your drains and provide breeding facilities to deadly germs.

A recent study has shown that about 250 tonnes of plastic wastes come out of various colonies of major cities alone every day. This disturbs the sewer system, the essential arteries of city life, choke the land mass and clog the pores of the wetlands.

Unfortunately, even the villages and small towns are not free from this danger. Millions of people returning to their home towns everyday carry their shopping in colourful bags. This pleases their family and children, who after preserving them for a time, dispose them in wells, rivers, tanks and drains. Many throw them off into the fields. They do it with a sense of pride, to show off. When their neighbours see that their men from the cities regularly send them those good things of life, they are impressed.

In Delhi, the worst offenders are the upper income groups of the so-called posh colonies. Though educated, the residents of these affluent areas are unaware of the damage done by plastic bags. Nearly a million children in Delhi schools carry their lunch boxes in plastic bags. They callously throw them away and cause unhealthy environment.

As it is convenient for mothers to wrap the food in plastic it is difficult to persuade them against doing so. According to a drill master of a school in RK Puram, it becomes a drill to clean the fields after the children leave. When the mid-day meal is fully implemented, it must be seen that no plastic wrappers are used.

As these wrappers are light weight, they are borne aloft by the wind causing visual shocks. Unlike cotton or paper bags they remain undissolved in the mud and stop the rain water from seeping deep into the earth. This affects the natural growth of greenery.

A1. Based on the reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly:

1. How do school children pollute the environment?
2. What are the findings of the latest research about plastic waste?
3. How do polythene bags become health hazards?
4. How do plastic bags hamper the growth of greenery?
5. Find the synonyms of the following words from the passage:
i) block (para 1) ii) wealthy (para 2)
6. Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage:
i) regularizes (para 2) ii) destroying (para 3)