

CLASS –X

English

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1 Convert the following into indirect speech.

A Neil said to Natasha, 'I am all right but you have hurt your arm'.

B I said, 'The weather is stormy but we can go'.

C 'Can you answer all the questions?' she said to me.

D Rani said, 'we have to return home before it gets dark'.

E 'May i go home now?' I said to the teacher.

F Lily said to Sam, 'Are you going to Sally's house tomorrow afternoon?'

G The hostess said to the guest, 'Do sit down'.

H 'Go and polish your shoes right away. And be back in ten minutes!' shouted the teacher.

I He said, 'I work in a factory'.

J 'Don't go near the fire, children' said the mother.

2 Solve the passage given below

Read the given passages carefully and answer the questions that follow

Passage 1

1. Perhaps the environmental crisis at hand has not yet touched your life, but the time is shortly to come. Recent NASA reports of a 60 per cent loss of ozone over the Arctic provide an explanation for increased severity in the world's weather patterns which has only begun to affect us, whether directly or indirectly. The social, political and economic implications are difficult to imagine as our ozone layer continues to thin, forests disappear and desertification is occurring at an alarming rate.
2. Today, almost 1 million acres of forest disappear each week. This alarming rate of deforestation is forcing many world economies to rethink their business and manufacturing practices. A 70 feet tree cut for its lumber takes 65 year to replace. A 70 feet bamboo cut for the market can be replaced in less than 3 months, and bamboo is officially recognised as the world's fastest growing plant. Some species can grow 3 feet per day!
3. Driven by the constantly growing consumer demand for environmentally friendly products, bamboo is gaining momentum as a reliable source of high quality and durable green building material over traditional non-sustainable products. Bamboo is known to produce 30 percent more oxygen than a hardwood forest of comparable size, while preventing erosion, restoring soil, providing sweet edible shoots and removing toxins from contaminated soil. Ecologists tout bamboo as a logical, renewable source of building material. Many promote bamboo planting for erosion prevention, and to reverse the effects of global warming. Being a grass, bamboo regenerates without replanting after harvesting.
4. Traditional hardwood lumber trees, such as oak, maple and birch, take 40-50 years to regenerate. In the meantime, there is less oxygen produced, less carbon dioxide consumed, and more soil run-off in the spot where those trees were harvested—all producing negative environmental effects. Our planet is suffering from resource depletion, habitat loss, species extinction and ecosystem pollution. The choice of bamboo as building material will greatly help reverse those negative trends.

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Questions

1. Why is use of bamboo gaining momentum? (1)
2. The greatest advantage of bamboo is that it
..... (1)
3. Why is deforestation alarming? (1)
4. What does 'more soil run-off in the spot'
mean? (1)
5. produces 30% more oxygen than a
hardwood forest of comparable size. (1)
6. take 40-50 years to regrow (1)
7. What problems are troubling the Earth? (1)
8. What is the author promoting? (1)

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