

Reading Comprehension Practice Test 2 (Draft)

- A) Reducing, reusing, and recycling can help you, your community, and the environment. Recycling programs can be managed at the national, local, and even individual level.
- B) The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy. Raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated then transported to wherever it will be sold.
- C) There are many ways you can do this. Firstly, you can buy used items. You can find everything from clothes to building materials at specialized reuse centers and consignment shops. Often, used items are less expensive and just as good as new. Secondly, look for products that use less packaging. When manufacturers make their products with less packaging, they use less raw materials. Thirdly, look for items that can be reused; the little things can add up. For example, you can bring your own silver cup and spoon to work, rather than using disposable items.
- D) Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products. Recycling can benefit your community and the environment. For instance, it reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills, saves energy, and conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals. It can also help create jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the UAE.
- E) Recycling includes some basic steps. Firstly, collecting recyclables in several methods, including curbside collection and drop-off centers. After collection, recyclables are sorted, cleaned, and processed into materials that can be used in manufacturing. Recyclables are bought and sold just like raw materials would be, and prices go up and down depending on supply and demand.
- F) Electronics recycling, for instance, is a great way to help conserve resources and natural materials. It is important to make sure you are recycling electronics safely and correctly. These products are made from valuable resources and materials, including metals, plastics, and glass, all of which require energy to mine and manufacture.

- G) If you want to reduce your carbon footprint on our ecosystem, it is very important to learn sustainable waste management practices and follow the right steps for waste disposal. Many people still don't know that if they don't recycle, the recyclable waste items end up in the landfill or even worse in oceans putting a heavy burden on the natural ecosystem of which we humans are also a part of. They do not realize how many resources are wasted just by a small decision of every individual if he or she decides to just dump the unwanted item in the waste bin instead of recycling it.

Section 1

Read the text and match the paragraphs (A - G) to the correct number (1 - 6).

Note:

- **There will be a drop-down list of headings to choose from.**
- **Each heading will be used once only.**
- **There will be one extra heading that will not be used.**
- **The heading should summarize the main point of the whole paragraph, not just match with a detail within it**
- **There will be 18 minutes for this section. (no fixed time for each question)**

Choose the best paragraph for each question.

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| 1- Suggestions on how to reduce and reuse | (.....) |
| 2- Stages of recycling | (.....) |
| 3- Waste should be kept to a minimum | (.....) |
| 4- A typical example of recycling | (.....) |
| 5- Lack of awareness of the importance of recycling | (.....) |
| 6- Benefits of recycling | (.....) |

Section 2

Read the text and answer the questions.

Note:

- **There is a fixed timer of 3 minutes for each question.**
- **Read the question first, then look for the answer in the relevant section of the text.**
- **There is no time to read the whole text first.**
- **All the given choices are mentioned in the text, but only one of them is correct.**

7- According to the text,

- a) recycling is common in developed communities only
- b) recycling should be taught at schools
- c) recycling should be connected to the ideas of reduction and reuse
- d) recycling should be done by professionals only

8- Recycling is

- a) changing old things into new products
- b) polishing old furniture
- c) making new products from natural resources
- d) using less packaging

9- What is said about the benefits of recycling?

- a) It will increase global warming.
- b) It will contribute to ocean pollution.
- c) It can help reduce unemployment.
- d) It will help specialized reuse centers make a lot of profits.

10- What is said about the prices of recyclables?

- a) They are always fixed.
- b) Consignment shops control them.
- c) They are higher than those of new raw materials.
- d) They are determined by both their availability and customers' needs.

11- The writer mentions the example of electronics because

- a) They usually contain expensive materials that cost a lot of energy to obtain.
- b) They are the most needed products these days.
- c) It is not safe to keep them at home.
- d) They help us save our forests.

12- Paragraph G is mainly about

- a) saving the oceans
- b) choosing eco-friendly products
- c) the need to raise people's awareness of the importance of recycling
- d) dumping the unwanted items in the waste bin.

13- The writer concludes by saying

- a) Our waste should not end up in landfills.
- b) We should focus on recycling rather than reduction and reuse.
- c) Curbside collection is available everywhere.
- d) Recycling is the responsibility of local governments only.

Section 3

Note:

- **There is a fixed timer of 3 minutes for each question.**
- **Base your judgement on text, not your own knowledge.**

Read the text and answer the questions.

**For each question (14 - 20), choose the correct answer according to the text:
True, False or Not given.**

- 14- Used products are often of less quality than new ones. (.....)
- 15- Using silver cups is healthier than disposable ones. (.....)
- 16- Recycling is more expensive than using new raw materials. (.....)
- 17- Each type of waste is separated from others during the recycling process. (.....)
- 18- We should consider waste reduction before thinking of recycling. (.....)
- 19- "Reduce, reuse, and recycle" should not be combined as a whole idea. (.....)
- 20- Electronics are the easiest material to be recycled. (.....)

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Answer Keys

NO	Answer
1	C
2	E
3	B
4	F
5	G
6	D
7	C
8	A
9	C
10	D
11	A
12	C
13	A
14	False
15	NG
16	NG
17	True
18	True
19	False
20	NG