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**The Problem of Environmental Protection in Great Britain**

Environmental protection is an international issue of great importance and Great Britain pays much attention to it. There are nearly 500 000 protected buildings and 7000 conservation

areas of architecture of historical interest in Britain. The Government supports the work of the voluntary sector in preserving the national heritage.

Total emissions of smoke in the air have fallen by 85 percent since 1960. Most petrol stations in Britain stock unleaded petrol. The Government is committed to the control of gases

emission, which damage the ozone layer. They also contribute 364to the greenhouse effect, which leads to global warming and arise in sea levels. Britain stresses the need for studying the

science of climate change.

Green belts are areas where land should be left open and free from urban sprawl. The Government attaches great importance to their protection. National parks cover 9 per

cent of the total land area of England and Wales. The National Rivers Authority protects island waters in England and Wales. In Scotland the River purification authorities are responsible for water pollution control. Great Britain takes care of its environment for themselves and next generations.

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**Questions:**

1. What is an international issue of great importance?

2. What are green belts?

3. Who is responsible for water pollution control in Scotland?

4. What is the total emission of smoke in the air?

5. Is it easy to buy unleaded petrol in Britain?

**Vocabulary:**

purification — очистка

voluntary — добровольный

petrol — бензин

emission — выброс

layer — слой