

INGLÉS

1. Read the text and the instructions to the questions very carefully.
2. Answer all questions in English

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- *Some people say*: Britain is a windy country, and **it ought to make use of its wind**. If that means putting wind farms on top of every windy hill in Britain, then that's what we ought to be doing. It's just ridiculous to say "Stop, you can't put a wind farm there because this is a National Park, or near a National Park, and wind farms don't look pretty!" It just happens that most of the windy mountains in England and Wales are in National Parks, or near the coast.

When people say that wind farms are ugly; this is rather hypocritical; they just don't want to see any signs of the times on their favourite bits of pretty countryside. It's like the people who complain about new high-speed railways. Half of them commute into London every day, and use roads and railway lines; yet they complain as soon as someone suggests building something near them. It's the NIMBY syndrome; Not In My Back Yard.

- *Some other people say*: We've already lost most of our natural environment in England, and thousands of kinds of plants and insects and animals have disappeared. It's absolutely essential that we protect what is still left. The answer isn't to build more power stations, whatever sort of energy they use; it's to use less energy — make people use more public transport and less fuel.

We should be using more renewable energy, but we've got to find a balance between energy and the environment. Besides, wind power isn't the only form of renewable energy. There's wave power too; that's what we really ought to be developing. Floating wave power generators could produce all the electricity Britain needs, and they wouldn't cause any problems.

- *And other people also say*: "We don't need renewable energy. Nuclear power is the answer; it's clean and safe, **as long as it is properly looked after**. Nuclear waste's a problem today, admittedly, but scientists are sure to come up with a way of treating it effectively, one of these days.

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QUESTION 1 (1 MARK)

Write a title in English which best summarizes the story

QUESTION 2 (0.5 MARK EACH)

Explain in English the meaning of the following phrases from the text (maximum 8 words for each phrase):

- a) "it ought to make use of its wind"
- b) "as long as it is properly looked after"

QUESTIONS 3 (1 MARK EACH)

Answer in English the following questions IN YOUR OWN WORDS as far as possible:

- a) What are the disadvantages of wind farms?
- b) Are nuclear power plants safe? (reason your answer).

QUESTION 4 (1 MARK EACH)

Complete the following sentences. Your answers must be related to the ideas contained in the text

- a) Nuclear power could be safe, if....
- b) Whatever sort of energy you may use,.....
- c) Nuclear waste could be a problem, because.....

QUESTION 5 (3 MARKS)

Explain the advantages and disadvantages of renewable energy (minimum 70 words, maximum 100). Use your own words in English.