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Reading (non-fiction): Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below:

The world is getting noisy these days. The roar of traffic, the scream of jet engines and loud music at shopping centers are just a few of the loud noises that we might be surrounded by every day. We all live in the same world, so we need to remember that some people don't like loud noises. Others seem to love it, but there are times when everyone wants to have some peace and quiet.

Noise can be measured by a special scientific instrument called a sound level meter. Any noise gives a pressure to the air in the atmosphere. The instrument measures the pressure of sound in the air. It is measured in decibels or dB. The noise level for a normal conversation is 50-60 dB and for a loud radio is 65-75 dB. Ears start to hurt from noises at around 90 dB.

Protecting your ears from loud noise is very important. Have you been to a music concert or a movie theater where the amplifiers were really belting it out and you could feel the beat in your body? Did your ears feel sort of blurry afterwards? Maybe you felt sick or dizzy? Very loud noises are not good for your ears. Sometimes you listen to loud music through earpieces while you walk along. You may not realize what happens around you and that could be dangerous.

Perhaps, the most serious problem created by noise pollution is the impact it has on our health. Noise pollution is the excessive noises that harm the human or animal lives. Constant noise can lead to many health issues too like stress, tiredness and mental health problems. Noise pollution has also been linked with health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke.

It is fun to be noisy at times but we need to respect the rights of others to a safe and quiet environment in school where people are doing so many different things during the day. This is particularly important when there are people who have hearing problems. We should do our part to help improve our environment we live in.

1. How is the world getting noisy these days? Give a few examples.

2. How does the sound level meter measures sound?

3. We should not allow the sound level to touch 90dB, because

- a) that level pollutes air
- b) at that level radios play
- c) ears start to hurt from noises at that level
- d) it distracts our attention.

4. How does a very high sound played through an amplifier in a movie theater affect us?

5. "Walking along a busy road with earpieces on might be dangerous". Why does the author make this comment? Do you agree with the author? Justify your claim.

6. Which of the followings may be caused due to noise pollution?

- a) Eye irritation, allergy, stroke
- b) Stress, tiredness, high blood pressure
- c) Cardiac problems, asthma, stroke
- d) Trauma, cough and cold, nausea

7. The author's tone in the last paragraph is

- a) Appreciative
- B) Critical
- C) Suggestive
- D) Indifferent

8-10. Find a synonym of the following words from the passage:

8. loud _____

9. giddy _____

10. calculated _____

11-14. State which of the followings are facts (F) and which are opinions (O).

11. _____ The world is getting noisy these days.

12. _____ We need to remember that some people don't like loud noise.

13. _____ It is fun to be noisy at times.

14. _____ Any noise gives a pressure to the air in the atmosphere.

15. After reading the passage, write **any two** ways by which you can help to reduce noise in your environment.
