

OXFORD ELLT READING:

Reading Text 1: Fast Fashion: Read the text and answer the questions.

Climate activist Greta Thunberg has used an interview with a top style and culture magazine to call out fast fashion companies for greenwashing and advocate for responsible practice. Insights into the **detrimental** impact of fast fashion have become increasingly apparent in recent years. Thunberg said she would have used Instagram as a medium for posting her thoughts on the latest developments, however with her appearance on the cover of the first issue of Vogue Scandinavia, she used this opportunity to speak out about the contradiction between mass produced fashion and sustainability. “Many are making it look as if the fashion industry are starting to take responsibility, by spending fantasy amounts on campaigns where they portray themselves as **sustainable**, ethical, green, climate neutral and fair”, Thunberg explained. “But let’s be clear: This is almost never anything but pure greenwashing. You cannot mass produce fashion or consume sustainably as the world is shaped today. That is one of the many reasons why we will need a system change”.

The fashion industry is a gigantic contributor to the climate-and-ecological emergency”, she continued, “not to mention its impact on the countless workers and communities who are being exploited around the world in order for some to enjoy fast fashion that many treat as disposable(s)”.

In her interview for Vogue Scandinavia, Thunberg said: “The last time I bought something new was three years ago and it was second-hand. I just borrow things from people I know”.

Thunberg added that there was a misconception around the attitude of activists. “This is some kind of misconception about activists, especially about climate activists that we are just negative and pessimists and we are just complaining, and we are trying to spread fear but that’s the exact opposite, she said. We are doing this because we are hopeful, we are hopeful that we will be able to make the changes necessary”.

The interview was published after the release on Monday of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report which showed a critical global heating threshold of 1.5C may be breached far earlier than previously expected, potentially within a decade.

In light of this report, activists and policy makers worldwide are attempting to **accelerate** momentum and awareness about the potentially irreversible changes that are due to happen **imminently**. Elements like Greenwashing are not only counterproductive to any sort of positive steps forward, but a manipulation of an extremely vital subject of discussion.

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Questions:

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1. The word detrimental in the paragraph is closest in meaning to
A: Harmful
B: Painful
C: Healing
D: Supportive
2. The word sustainable in the paragraph is closest in meaning to
A: Change
B: Maintain
C: Biodiversity
D: Ecosystems
3. The word accelerate in the paragraph is closest in meaning to
A: Reduce
B: Extreme
C: Quicken
D: Forward
4. The word imminently in the paragraph is closest in meaning to
A: Significantly
B: Recently
C: Remotely
D: Approaching
5. According to the paragraph, what did Greta Thunberg intend to do to fast fashion companies?
A: Call them for a conversation about greenwashing
B: Expose them for greenwashing
C: Explain to them the purpose of greenwashing
D: Advocate for greenwashing
6. According to the paragraph, what did Greta Thunberg initially consider as an appropriate platform to deliver her message?
A: Vogue Magazine
B: Vogue Scandinavia
C: Instagram
D: Climate Change Report
7. According to the paragraph, what did Greta Thunberg wish to discuss about mass produced fashion and sustainability?
A: She wished to discuss a comparison of the two
B: She wished to discuss the benefits of the two

C: She wished to explain the difference between the two
D: She wished to highlight the contradiction between the two
8. According to the paragraph, what change does Thunberg think we need to see?
A: A change to the fashion industry
B: A change of campaigns
C: A change about greenwashing
D: A system change
9. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage about Greenwashing?
A: It is a way for advertisers to sell eco-friendly products
B: It is a way for advertisers to falsely represent products as eco-friendly
C: It is a way for advertisers to sell sustainable products
D: It is a way for advertisers to promote responsible practice
10. What does the paragraph suggest the fashion industry is guilty of falsely promoting themselves as?
A: Accountable
B: Eco-friendly
C: Principled
D: Climate neutral
11. Which of the following is not true , according to the passage?
A: The fashion industry is a huge contributor to the climate emergency
B: The fashion industry is a small contributor to the climate emergency
C: The fashion industry has some role in contributing to the climate emergency
D: The fashion industry has recently started to contribute to the climate emergency
12. The paragraph supports which of the following statements about people who work in the fashion industry
A: They enjoy fast fashion
B: They are treated fairly
C: They don't enjoy fast fashion
D: They are treated unfairly
13. Which of the following statements is not true according to the passage?
A: Greta Thunberg never buys new clothes
B: Greta Thunberg only borrows clothes from her friends and family
C: Greta Thunberg buys used clothes
D: Greta Thunberg recently bought second hand clothes
14. According to the paragraph, all of the following statements are true about the evolution of the earth's atmosphere, except:

A: Thunberg believes there is a false understanding of the attitude of campaigners
B: People believe activists are optimistic about their cause
C: People believe activists are trying to spread fear
D: Activists are campaigning because they believe there can be change
15. What does the passage suggest about the Climate Change report?
A: The earth will not increase temperature soon
B: The earth will increase temperature soon
C: The earth will increase temperature sooner than previously thought
D: The earth's temperature is decreasing
16. According to the passage, why is Greenwashing a problem?
A: It does not help sales of products
B: It increases awareness of climate change
C: It overlooks an important topic of conversation
D: It is an ongoing issue

Reading Text 2: Is Mars too small to have aliens? Read the text and answer the questions.

Researchers say that Mars has probably never had alien life because the planet is too small to have large amounts of water. Water is necessary for the **evolution** of life, and the search for evidence of liquid has inspired many investigations and studies of the Red Planet to confirm that humanity is not alone in the universe and that aliens exist.

However, Mars, which is our closest planetary neighbour, has revealed no liquid water on its surface, and scientists don't really understand why. "Mars' future was decided from the beginning," said Kun Wang, assistant professor of earth and planetary sciences in Arts and Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. "There is likely a limit on the size requirements of rocky planets to keep enough water to allow habitability and alien life."

Professor Wang and his colleagues used pieces of potassium to **estimate** the existence and distribution of different elements and compounds – such as water – on the planet. They then measured this with twenty different meteorites that had come from Mars. The researchers found that Mars had lost more potassium and many other elements and compounds than Earth when it was formed – but that Mars also contained more than the Moon and another asteroid called 4-Vesta. Both the moon and 4-Vesta are smaller and drier than Mars.

This was very interesting for Professor Wang. "Yes, it is true that there used to be liquid water on the surface of Mars, but how much water in total Mars once had can be difficult to say. We really need to do more studies to find out. We also need better technology," Professor Wang said.

There are many different theories about the amount of water on Mars. In some of the theories, early Mars was even wetter than the Earth. But Professor Wang does not believe that is true. "Being too close to the sun can have a **significant** effect on a planet and the water it can have. But the size of the planet is also important. We think that scientists hunting for alien life in the future should use planet size as a more important reference," Professor Wang says.

Mars was even wetter than the Earth. But Professor Wang does not believe that is true. “Being too close to the sun can have a significant effect on a planet and the water it can have. But the size of the planet is also important. We think that scientists hunting for alien life in the future should use planet size as a more important reference,” Professor Wang says.

Professor Wang’s theory can also help with the research of exoplanets which are planets beyond our solar system. “The size of an exoplanet can tell us if it is a **candidate** for human life. This can also help us see if life ever existed outside of our solar system.”

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Questions
1 The word <u>evolution</u> in the paragraph is closest in meaning to?
A Extinction
B Development
C Experiment
D Regression
2 The word <u>estimate</u> in the paragraph is closest in meaning to?
A Guess
B Challenge
C Focus
D Look at
3 The word <u>significant</u> in the paragraph is closest in meaning to?
A Interesting
B Strangest
C Important
D Minor
4 The word <u>candidate</u> in the paragraph is closest in meaning to?
A Possibility
B Job-seeker
C Discovery
D Knowledge
5 Why do researchers believe that Mars has never hosted alien life?
A There is no water there.
B Humans cannot live there.
C It isn’t big enough.
D Aliens do not exist.
6 What did the researchers use to determine whether water is present on Mars?
A Potassium

B Other compounds
C Meteorites
D 4-Vesta
7 What does Professor Wang say about planet size and the existence of alien life?
A It helps scientists understand whether alien life is possible.
B It is a more significant factor than the position of the sun.
C It is proportional to the amount of water on a planet.
D It proves that alien life on Earth cannot exist.
8 What are exoplanets?
A Planets that can host human life
B Planets that can host alien life
C Planets that exist outside the solar system
D A theory developed by Professor Wang
9 Which of the following best summarises the search for evidence of liquid on Mars?
A It has helped prove that life exists on Mars.
B It has led to further research on alien life.
C It confirms that humans live on other planets in the universe.
D It confirms that water is necessary for life.
10 Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?
A Mars has more potassium than the Moon.
B Mars is drier than the Moon.
C 4-Vesta is larger than Mars.
D Mars has more potassium than Earth.
11 Which of the following is NOT TRUE, according to the passage?
A In the past, water could be seen on the surface of Mars.
B More research needs to be done to know how much water Mars used to have.
C Technical limitations may be affecting the quality of research.
D There is broad scientific agreement about the amount of water on Mars.
12 Which sentence best summarises Kun Wang's views about the amount of water on Mars?
A There is not enough water on Mars to support alien life.
B It is not big enough to support alien life.
C It is too rocky to support alien life.
D Mars cannot retain water.
13 Why does Professor Wang believe better technology is needed?
A It will help scientists better understand whether humans can live on Mars.

B It will help scientists measure the amount of water currently on Mars.

C It will help scientists better understand Mars' history.

D It will help scientists compare Mars and Earth more accurately.

14 How did Professor Wang measure the amount of water on Mars?

A By using different elements and compounds

B By using potassium

C By using data collected from 4-Vesta

D By using data collected from meteorites

15 Why can be inferred from Kun Wang's statement that "Mars' future was decided from the beginning."

A It is pointless for researchers to study Mars.

B The future of Mars is unclear.

C Conclusions about Mars' suitability to support life have already been made.

D Mars was never supposed to support human or alien life.

16 Which of the following sentences about the information in the final paragraph is true?

A Professor Wang's theory can help Mars become hospitable for human life.

B Professor Wang's theory can improve understanding of exoplanets.

C Professor Wang's theory can help researchers find new planets.

D Professor Wang's theory can help determine whether other life exists in the solar system.