

# Sustainable Development

## Read and reorder the passages.

**A**\_\_ In the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia, there is a cage where the notice reads, 'The world's most dangerous animal'. Inside the cage, there is no animal but a mirror where you see yourself. Thanks to the efforts of a number of agencies in different countries, a new awareness has now dawned upon the most dangerous animal in the world. He has realized the wisdom of shifting from a system based on domination to one based on partnership.

**B**\_\_ The concept of sustainable development was popularized in 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and Development. In its report, it defined the idea as "Development that meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs," i.e., without stripping the natural world of resources future generations would need.

**C**\_\_ One of the early international commission which dealt, inter alia, with the question of ecology and environment was the Brandt Commission which had a distinguished Indian as one of its members—Mr. L.K. Jha. The First Brandt Report raised the question—"Are we to leave our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and the ailing environment?"

**D**\_\_ Scientists have catalogued about 1.4 million living species with which mankind shares the earth. Estimates vary widely as regards the still-uncatalogued living species—biologists reckon that about three to a hundred million other living species still languish unnamed in ignominious darkness.

## Answer the questions.

- When was the concept of sustainable development popularized?
- Who popularized its concept?
- What is written on the noticeboard at the Lusaka zoo?
- What is inside the cage?
- What have scientists catalogued?
- As per the passage, the world's most dangerous animal is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) tiger      (b) lion      (c) chimpanzee      (d) human being
- Today, human beings adopt \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) domination system      (b) partnership system      (c) dangerous system      (d) shifting system
- In paragraph 1, \_\_\_\_\_ means 'cleaning out'.  
(a) sustainable      (b) compromising      (c) stripping      (d) popularized
- Three to a hundred million living species are still \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) known to mankind      (b) unknown to mankind      (c) living in the water      (d) distinguished
- In paragraph 4, \_\_\_\_\_ means 'depleted/unproductive'.  
(a) ecology      (b) distinguished      (c) advancing      (d) impoverished