**Topic 1.1: ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE SYSTEMS**

**Personal Value System**

**What are your views on the state of the environment?** Put a cross on the continuum and give yourself a score from 0-10.

0: Unconcerned 5: Concerned but don’t 10: Very concerned

do much about it

and do a lot

Look at this questionnaire:

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|  | **Statement** | **Agree strongly, agree, disagree, disagree strongly** |
| **1** | **Humans are part of nature.** |  |
| **2** | **Humans are to blame for all the world’s environmental problems.** |  |
| **3** | **We depend on the environment for our resources (food, water, fuel).** |  |
| **4** | **Nomadic and indigenous peoples live in balance with their environment.** |  |
| **5** | **Traditional farming methods do not damage the environment.** |  |
| **6** | **Nature will make good any damage that human’s do to the Earth.** |  |
| **7** | **Humans have every right to use all resources on the planet Earth.** |  |
| **8** | **Technology will solve our energy crisis.** |  |
| **9** | **We have passed the tipping point on climate change and the Earth is warming up and we cannot stop it.** |  |
| **10** | **Animals and plants have as much right to live on Earth as humans.** |  |
| **11** | **Looking at a beautiful view is not as important as economic progress.** |  |
| **12** | **Species have always become extinct on Earth and so it does not matter that humans are causing extinctions.** |  |

A society is an arbitrary group of individuals who share some common characteristics, such as geographical location, cultural background, historical timeframe, religious perspective, value system and so on.

People have different views on what they think about the environment. The main philosophies are:

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| Ecocentric | Anthropocentric | Technocentric |
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My personal viewpoint on environmental issues is:

**How concerned about the environment do you think people are in general?**

Government leaders

ES students

HS students

People living in LEDCS

Others?

**Rise of Ecology**

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| **The DVD you are about to watch has ten events that changes our view of the environment. Can you guess what any of the events are? Think of disasters, people, films, meetings.** |

**Introduction**

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| Event 1: London Date: Season:  The problem:  Cause:  Effects:  What changed because of this event? |
| Event 2:  Where?  When?  First used for…  Later used for…  Possible problems caused by it:  Who fought against it and how?  Did anything change after this? |
| Event 3: Watch but don’t take notes. You will be given a quiz on what you watch. |
| Event 4: |
| Event 5: |
| Event 6: |
| Event 7: |
| Event 8: |
| Event 9: |
| Event 10: |