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Read the following passage carefully:

We need to get rid of plastic bags from our lives. For the past few years, there has been a rising awareness about the use of plastic bags in the whole world. Some governments like Bangladesh, Bhutan and Zanzibar have decided to ban them. China has decided that shops will not give plastic bags free. Germany, South Africa, Ireland and Israel have added a surcharge. In India too, some state governments have banned the use of plastic bags.

Yet another area that we all need to pay attention to is the decreasing green cover. Trees produce oxygen, which human beings need, by taking in carbon dioxide in the presence of sunlight. There are some types of trees and plants that help absorb more carbon dioxide and other harmful gases than others. Grasses fill a gap in places where there isn't

enough rain for large trees to grow. Grasses not only hold the top soil but they also absorb a lot of carbon dioxide. A large patch of grass can absorb more carbon dioxide than a few trees.

The toxic gas that petrol-run vehicles and airplanes emit is a great cause of air pollution. Governments are spending large sums of money on research to come up with an alternative for the petroleum-based fuels that we use today.

On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following questions in brief:

1. How can you say that the whole world has become aware about the use of plastic bags?
2. How are trees important to us?
3. How are grasses important to us?
4. What is the major cause of air pollution?
5. What is meant by green cover?