**M2U5语法学习（1） 拓展练习**

阅读并回答问题

**The relationship between humans and nature**

Declaration of Dependence declares that all men are created equal. However, the laws can guarantee human rights, by whom can the nature rights be protected? The Outlook of Scientific Development requires that we should pursue the harmonious coexistence between human and nature. Actually, that is just the relationship between human and nature.

Human beings live in a natural world, developing nature and controlling nature. At the same time, they are also influencing nature. This influence has become more and more obvious as humans’ productivity increases rapidly. Beyond any doubt, we must now admit that the influence is mostly negative, that is to say, we are achieving development at the expense of destroying the natural environment. Is this the path we must take? From the point of view of Marx’s materialism, it is clear that this is an extremely incorrect view of the relationship between man and nature. So the current problem is that how we can establish a correct view between man and nature and achieve a better development of mankind instead of detours and wrong roads.

The answer I suppose is that we must learn to fear and respect nature. Since the emergence of humans, there have been traces of human activity on the earth. By using our own powerful wisdom, mankind has achieved great productivity growth in the 20th century, which created splendid industrial civilizations, and delivered light, warmth, convenience to every corner of the world. However, with the rapid development of economy and society, such a strong practice of occupying nature has resulted in the much exploitation (开发) of natural resources, which leads to the severe destruction of the ecological environment. Humans have emphasized the need to change nature and conquer nature. For this reason, the natural world has paid too much for it. The growth of population and the heavy use of natural resources all lead to an imbalance between man and nature. The development of science and engineering technology also pose a great threat to nature. As a result, nature has given humanity a severe punishment.

Economic development is certainly necessary, but environmental protection is also necessary. If we choose the development path “control after pollution first”, the price to be paid in the future will not only be the “post-control”, but some precious natural resources and beautiful natural landscapes may never be able to restored. Therefore, sustainable development, which means it can continue without causing damage to the environment, is what we should insist on, and it is the correct relationship between man and nature.

In short, human beings use their own practical activities to influence the natural world, in which the natural world continues its own existence and development in new forms. At the same time nature also affects human survival through environmental changes. Therefore, human beings cannot disobey the laws of nature and try to completely change nature and conquer nature. Only by insisting on the correct methodology to understand nature as well as change the world can human be able to live in harmony with nature and create a more splendid human civilization.

**Q: What is the writer’s view on coexistence between human and nature?**