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ANGLAIS**PROFITS, PRINCIPLES OR BOTH ?**

We're all involved in the oil business. Every time we start our cars, turn on our lights or cook meal, we're relying on some form of fuel to make it happen. Up to now, it has inevitably been a fossil fuel, part of the carbon chain. And, just as inevitably, that will have to change.

We will, quite rightly, demand that our future energy is both durable and renouvelable. We will expect a lot from solar power, wind power, geothermal power and hydrogen fuel.

Between the need to protect people's way of life and their environment and the need to provide them with affordable energy lies the oil companies' dilemma. They must however make courageous decisions by hearing and listening to everyone who has an interest in the world. This is the real price of energy and it's worth it, if only we make sure our children have the chance to pay for it.

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VOCABULARY

Fuel : carburant
Affordable : abordable
Oil : pétrole
It's worth it : cela en vaut la peine

QUESTIONS**I- COMPREHENSION OF THE TEXT** (All the answers are to be found in the text)

- 1) How important is oil for our lives ?
- 2) Apart from oil, what are the other sources of energy?
- 3) What is "the oil companies' dilemma" ?

II- WRITING (10 lines maximum)

Is it possible today to replace oil by some other sources of energy ? Why or why not?

III- TRANSLATE INTO FRENCH

From "Every time we start... "down to "..... of the carbon chain"

IV- TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH

Le pétrole est présent dans tous les domaines de notre vie. En effet, nous l'utilisons dans le transport, l'éclairage, la cuisine, l'industrie,... secteurs indispensables à la vie moderne.