

総合英語 読解問題演習 (E)

Read the passage below and choose the best answer from among the four choices for each question.

Earth Day

June 5 and April 22 are two important days for anyone concerned with our environment. The first is World Environment Day, started by the United Nations, and the latter is Earth Day.

Earth Day is the idea of former United States Senator Gaylor Nelson. He was concerned about air and water pollution and other environmental problems. He organized groups to discuss environmental problems. University students were the strongest supporters of his idea. They took part in the first Earth Day activities in 1970. Mr. Nelson wanted to appeal to America's political leaders. So they would start action to deal with environmental problems.

The first Earth Day was so successful that the U.S. Congress began to make efforts to improve the air and water in America. Later, because of this movement, the Environmental Protection Agency was set up in the United States.

The second Earth Day was held ten years later in 1980 and the third, in 1990. Since the problems have become so serious, Earth Day has had to be observed every year since then.

On every Earth Day in America, there are music concerts, films, discussions, parades, cleanup campaigns, and fairs.

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- (1) Who started the Earth Day campaign?
- 1 The U.N.
 - 2 A former U.S. Senator.
 - 3 America's political leaders.
 - 4 College students.
- (2) What did Mr. Nelson really want to do?
- 1 He wanted America's political leaders to take action.
 - 2 He wanted to take part in World Environment Day.
 - 3 He wanted to appeal to university students.
 - 4 He wanted to be successful.