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Global warming and climate change are the outcomes of human greed in the name of development, indicating the direction in which extinction of organisms including human beings is heading towards loss of life on Earth. How do you put an end to this to protect life and bring equilibrium between the society and the environment?

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Answer Hint

Climate ethics, human greed, sustainable development, intergenerational equity, environmental stewardship, ecological balance, lifestyle change, climate justice

Model Answer

Introduction

Climate change represents not merely an environmental challenge but an ethical crisis arising from the conflict between immediate human consumption and the long-term survival of ecosystems and future generations.

Body

Ethical Foundations

Intergenerational justice: Present generations have a moral duty to preserve environmental resources for future generations.

Stewardship: Nature should be treated as a shared responsibility rather than an unlimited source of exploitation.

Climate justice: Vulnerable communities that contribute relatively little to global emissions often suffer disproportionately and therefore require protection and support.

Sustainable development: Development must integrate economic progress with ecological limits.

Practical Measures

Transition towards renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transport and circular production systems. Promote climate-resilient agriculture, forest conservation and ecosystem restoration. Discourage wasteful consumption and encourage sustainable lifestyles.

Governments should adopt effective carbon pricing, environmental regulation and green public procurement while supporting clean technologies. International cooperation should ensure finance and technology transfer to developing countries.

Conclusion

Humanity must replace an ethic of **domination over nature with stewardship of nature**. Sustainable lifestyles, responsible institutions and intergenerational justice can restore a more harmonious relationship between society and the environment.

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