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In many countries today people are living in a ‘throwaway society’ , where things are used for a short time and then thrown away. What are its causes? What are its problems?

Over the past few decades, we have been encouraged to buy new things and to replace them **on a regular basis**, leading to what is known as a “throwaway society.” This trend, caused chiefly by the overabundance of cheap goods as well as the advertising industry, has had a profoundly detrimental impact on the environment.

Firstly, many countries, particularly in the developed and industrialised world, have become increasingly successful at producing greater and greater quantities of short-lived, disposable items. This is because labour has been outsourced to developing countries with cheaper labour costs and looser regulations, resulting in excessive numbers of these goods being produced for profit. Secondly, there is constant pressure from advertising and marketing companies for us to keep up with the latest trends and buy the most up-to-date clothes, gadgets, equipment, and so on. When we see that people around us have these things, we might feel compelled to give in to the trend and buy these products for ourselves.

The problems of a throwaway society are manifold. First and foremost, much of what we discard end up in landfills, which pose a grave danger to the environment. For example, a plastic shopping bag might take one thousand years to decompose, and during that time, toxic chemicals would leach out from the plastic and impair the health of ourselves as well as that of the local ecosystem. Additionally, rising levels of consumption also lead to depletion of the Earth's resources, with large tracts of land being stripped and mined for raw materials. In fact, it has actually been reported that the Amazon rain forest has lost an area almost the size of Puerto Rico to deforestation.

To conclude, the excessive production of disposable goods as well as the advertising industry have contributed to a throwaway society. The harmful effects to the environment have been well-documented, and it is time to **take steps** to prevent further damage.

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Vocabulary

on a regular basis (idiom) Quite often and/or in a consistent, regular manner.

The general manager drops into the restaurant on a regular basis, so the staff members have to be on their toes at all times.

take steps to (do something) (idiom) To do what is necessary to prepare for or begin doing something.

We're currently taking steps to secure funding for the project before we announce it to the public.

Following public outcry, the company has taken steps to rectify the discriminatory hiring practices.

范文解析：这是一篇报告类题型的的社会类大作文，作者在首段改写题目引出主题，并且在首段就回答了题目中提出的问题。在第一个主体段使用了“firstly, secondly, finally”的主体段结构来完成了这一部分的论述，在这一段的两个论点中，作者使用了不同的写支持句的方法，比如第一论点中使用了 this is because...这个表示原因与结果的方法。在第二个主体段中作者主要使用了论点，解释，举例的主体段结构来完成的，即首先给出论点，然后对于该论点进行解释并且给出事例。在文章的最后结尾段，作者总结了上文的两个问题的回答。这篇文章结构清晰明了，并且论据充分，是一篇值得仔细研读的文章。这样的写作结构在启

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