Reading Comprehension Questions (Cycles - Human Impact & Phenomenon Groups)

Read the following article about energy and matter cycles from <u>NASA</u> and answer the questions below to check your comprehension.

1. Explain how energy from the Sun drives processes in the Earth System.
2. Describe the role of wind patterns and ocean currents in redistributing energy throughout the environment.
3. What is the water cycle? Explain the different processes involved in the movement of water through the Earth System.
4. How does water vapour in the atmosphere influence Earth's weather and climate?
5. Discuss the importance of freshwater on Earth and its distribution among different reservoirs.
6. Explain the process of nitrogen fixation and its significance in the nitrogen cycle.
7. Describe the different processes involved in the nitrogen cycle and how they contribute to the movement of nitrogen through the Earth System.
8. How do human activities impact the global nitrogen cycle? Provide examples.
9. Explain the role of carbon in the Earth System and its movement through the slow and fast carbon cycles.
10. Discuss the relationship between the carbon cycle and ecosystems. How does climate change impact the carbon cycle and ecosystems?