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FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Component 1 Reading Level 1

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Morning

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Materials

- You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in all the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 18. There are 6 marks for Section A and 12 marks for Section B.
- You may use a dictionary.

Advice

- You are advised to check your work carefully.



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For this exam you are going to read two texts to do with the sea.

Answer **all** questions.

Section A

Read **Source A**. You have been asked to find out how successful this article is in getting information across by answering the questions which follow.

Source A

POISON PLASTIC

Every year, around 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide.

Over one million bags are being used every minute and they're damaging our environment. Put another way, every man, woman and child on our planet uses 83 plastic bags every year.



Pollution

Plastic bags are difficult and costly to recycle and many end up on landfill sites. They then take around 300 years to rot away. They break down into tiny particles that poison the soil and waterways. When animals accidentally eat them, they enter the food chain. We use plastic bags unnecessarily and this causes increasing damage to our planet.

Big black bin liners, plastic carrier bags and clear sandwich bags are all polluting our environment. They're lightweight, handy and too easily thrown away.

Plastic bags can be seen hanging from the branches of trees, flying in the air on windy days and floating on rivers. They block up gutters and drains causing water and sewage to overflow and become the breeding grounds of germs and bacteria that cause diseases. Many end up in the sea.

Dangers to Sea Life

Plastic bags are now amongst the top 12 items of rubbish found along coastlines. Animals and sea creatures are hurt and killed every day by plastic bags because they think they are food. Plastic blocks their insides and leads to slow starvation. Other creatures get tangled up in plastic bags and drown. A dead turtle with a plastic bag hanging from its mouth isn't a pleasant sight.

Because plastic bags take hundreds of years to break down, every year our seas become 'home' to more and more bags. Every bag that's washed down a drain during rainfall ends up in the sea. Every bag that's flushed down a toilet ends up in the sea. Every bag that's blown into a river will most likely end up in the sea.



For **Questions 1 to 6**, write the letter for each answer in the box given.

1 The main point of the article is to

- A** advise people to stop using plastic bags.
- B** inform people what sea creatures feed on.
- C** explain the problems caused by plastic bags.
- D** persuade people to clean up the seas and rivers.

Answer

[1 mark]

2 The article says that plastic bags

- A** block up breeding grounds.
- B** are always flushed down toilets.
- C** are not used in every country.
- D** take hundreds of years to break down.

Answer

[1 mark]

3 The article explains that

- A** turtles are the only creatures killed by plastic bags.
- B** it is very expensive to recycle plastic bags.
- C** sea creatures suffer and die from diseases.
- D** sandwich bags are the easiest to throw away.

Answer

[1 mark]

4 The main point being made about plastic bags is that

- A** we all use too many of them.
- B** they are cheap and very useful.
- C** they are only found in seas and rivers.
- D** every man, woman and child needs them.

Answer

[1 mark]

5 The article informs us that

- A** 500 million plastic bags are used every year.
- B** 12 items of rubbish are found on coastlines.
- C** particles from plastic bags are poisonous.
- D** eating plastic causes animals to drown.

Answer

[1 mark]

6 The most sensible response to the problems shown in this article would be to

- A** immediately stop using all types of plastic bag.
- B** make sure all plastic bags go to a landfill site.
- C** try to cut down the number of plastic bags used.
- D** Avoid any shops that give out free plastic bags.

Answer

[1 mark]

6



Section B

Read **Source B** then answer the questions that follow.

Source B



CORNWALL'S MOST HEARTWARMING STORY

Situated in 40 acres of stunning **Cornish** countryside, The Seal Sanctuary in Gweek is the only fully working seal rescue centre in **Cornwall**.

Our work with seals started back in the 1950s. Nowadays we rescue up to 60 grey seal pups found sick, injured or stranded on Cornwall's beaches every year.



Our Animal Care team provide the pups with all the treatment needed for recovery. Once the pups are well enough to return to the wild, they are released. For those too poorly to return we provide a new home at the Sanctuary. We work with local conservation groups to do things like inspect and clean river estuaries. This helps to protect a wide variety of local marine creatures. We work with groups like The Marine Conservation Society to make people aware of threats faced by marine mammals. We're proud to support The Sea Life Trust which is working to protect marine wildlife, including stopping whales from being hunted.

Join us for a great family day out at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary, home to 26 amazing creatures and set within 42 acres of stunning **Cornish** scenery.

Take a Behind the Scenes Tour where you can get a sneak peek at our food preparation area. You'll also get to see behind the scenes of **Cornwall's** only working Seal Hospital.

Meet our adorable seals and hear the touching stories behind their rescues. Get up close to other amazing residents including comical penguins, mischievous otters and noisy sea lions. Explore woodland walks, relax at our café and enjoy the amazing views of Helford River. Find out how it feels to touch a starfish, crab and other creatures in our interactive rockpool. With seal feeding, kids quiz trail and our pirate play area, there's plenty for the whole family to enjoy at the **Cornish Seal Sanctuary**.



Write your answers in the spaces provided. The questions in this section are testing what you have understood about the text. The questions are **not** testing your writing.

7 Your school or college is planning a trip to The Cornish Seal Sanctuary. You have been asked to find out some information to help the organiser of the trip.

Select the information from **Source B**.

You should include:

7 (a) **four** ways The Cornish Seal Sanctuary helps sea creatures.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

7 (b) **four** things a visitor could do involving the wildlife at The Cornish Seal Sanctuary.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____



8 Look at the way **Source B** has been presented.

List **two** ways it has been presented and say why each one would make it easy for people to understand.

[4 marks]

First way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

Second way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

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