

DEVOIR DE FIN DE SEMESTRE N°2

PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION: (20pts)

A) Choose the best alternative:

1) The text is mainly:

- a) argumentative
- b) descriptive
- c) narrative

2) The text conveys the idea that:

- a) Dumping industrial waste in seas and oceans should be aggressively penalized.
- b) For scientists, it's high time to preserve marine wildlife for future generations.
- c) Plastic pollution is a scourge causing widespread destruction of the world's oceans.

B) Answer the following questions:

- 1) What is the aim of the UN Clean Seas campaign?
- 2) Why does plastic pollution pose a serious threat to the human health?

C) Mention how individuals can effectively act against plastic pollution.

D) Complete the sentences on the answer sheets with information from the text.

E) Indicate whether the following statements are True or False. Justify with information from the text :

- 1) In some countries, plastic bags are being taxed in order to reduce their adverse impact on seas and oceans.
- 2) Raising people's awareness is the most important aspect of the campaign against plastic pollution.
- 3) The measures that are likely to be taken by the local authorities to address plastic pollution will be publicly welcomed.

F) Explain in your own words:

“We’ve stood by too long as the problem has gotten worse. It must stop.”
(§2)

G) Find words in the text having nearly these definitions:

- 1) spoils or damages (§2)
- 2) made to be thrown away (§4)
- 3) business companies (§4)
- 4) formally promised (§5)

H) What do the underlined words in the text refer to?

- 1) their (§4)
- 2) it (§6)

PART TWO: LANGUAGE: (10pts)

Task One: Select the right alternative :(5pts)

Global climate change has already had observable effects on the environment. Glaciers **(1)(is shrinking / have shrunk / shrank)**, ice on rivers and lakes is breaking **(2)(up / out / down)** earlier, plant and animal ranges have shifted and trees are flowering sooner. Effects that scientists had predicted in the past **(3)(would result / will result / result)** from global climate change are now occurring: loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise and longer, **(4)(intense / more intense / much intense)** heat waves. Scientists have high confidence that global temperatures will continue to rise **(5)(for / since / until)** decades to come, largely **(6)(because / as / due to)** greenhouse gases produced by human activities. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), **(7)(which / who / whom)** includes more than 1,300 scientists from the United States and **(8)(another / other / others)** countries, forecasts a temperature rise of 2.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century. **(9)(Concerning / According / Regarding)** to the IPCC, the extent of climate change effects on individual regions will vary over time and with the ability of different societal and environmental systems to mitigate or **(10)(adopt / adapt / fight)** to change.

Task Two: Express differently starting as given on the answer sheets :(5pts)

- 1) Many countries have prohibited smoking in all public places.
- 2) Although he is exhausted, Fred puts much effort into his work.
- 3) Malaria is a disease related to water.
- 4) Why don't you consult a doctor?
- 5) Paul said: "I saw Mary at the airport yesterday."

PART THREE: WRITING TASKS: (10pts)

A) Reordering :(2pts)

Reorder the following sentences or sentence parts so as to get a coherent paragraph:

- a) and one of the most biodiverse regions on the planet.
- b) and better compliance have driven deforestation rates down to a historical low.
- c) The Brazilian Amazon is home to 40% of the world's tropical forest
- d) About 54% of the area is under environmental protection, and in the past five years, stricter controls

B) Essay :(8pts)

Despite differences in race and age, sport is a way to bring people together, build optimism and promote peace among nations.

Develop this statement in a 15-line essay with solid examples.

War on Ocean Plastic Pollution

1. In an unexpected announcement that emerged from the Economist World Ocean Summit in Bali last week, the UN officially launched its 'Clean Seas' campaign. The goal is to eliminate major sources of pollution, including microplastics in cosmetics and single-use disposable plastics, by pressuring governments and individuals to rethink the way goods are packaged and their own shopping habits.
2. Erik Solheim, head of UN Environment, stated: "It is past time that we tackle the plastic problem that blights our oceans. Plastic pollution is surfing onto Indonesian beaches, settling onto the ocean floor at the North Pole, and rising through the food chain onto our dinner tables. We've stood by too long as the problem has gotten worse. It must stop."
3. It is a problem that must be dealt with as aggressively as possible. Scientists say that the equivalent of a dump truck load of plastic is deposited in the world's oceans every minute, and this quantity will increase as consumption and population grow, too. By 2050, it's said there will be more plastic than fish in the seas. The UN writes: "As many as 51 trillion microplastic particles – 500 times more than stars in our galaxy – litter our seas, seriously threatening marine wildlife."
4. On the campaign website, people can commit to certain actions to combat their personal plastic pollution, such as not using disposable grocery bags, bringing their own coffee cup, avoiding cosmetics with microbeads, and pressuring firms to reduce excess packaging. The campaign's press release says it will make announcements throughout the year, highlighting advances made by countries to reduce disposable plastics.
5. Some countries have taken noteworthy steps, with ten already signing onto the #CleanSeas campaign. Indonesia, for example, has pledged to reduce marine litter by 70 percent by 2025, and Costa Rica says it will "take measures to dramatically reduce single-use plastic through better waste management and education." Other nations are turning to taxes on plastic bags.
6. The UN Clean Seas campaign is a good place to start, as it will spread the awareness of a little-known problem much further afield. Awareness, however, is just the first small step. It must translate into real lifestyle changes in order to make any sort of difference. It requires people to think ahead and municipal governments to take a strong, often unpopular, stance.

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ANSWER SHEETS

PART ONE: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: (20pts)

A) The Best Alternative: (2pts)

- 1)
- 2)

B) Answers: (2pts)

- 1)
- 2)

C) Effective Means: (2pts)

- 1).....
- 2).....
- 3).....
- 4).....

D) Sentence Completion: (3pts)

- 1) Since,
scientists believe that the amount of plastic deposited in the oceans is
expected to rise.
- 2) Marine wildlife is actually at risk because
- 3) Costa Rica has decided to take part in the war launched against plastic
pollution with a strategy based not only on.....
but also.....

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E) True or False Statements: (3pts)

1) (.....).....

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2) (.....).....

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3) (.....).....

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F) Sentence Explanation: (2pts)

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G) Vocabulary Items: (4pts)

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H) References: (2pts)

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PART TWO: LANGUAGE TASKS: (10pts)

TASK ONE:(5pts)

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| 2) | 7) |
| 3) | 8) |
| 4) | 9) |
| 5) | 10) |

TASK TWO:(5pts)

- 1) Smoking
- 2) In spite of.....
- 3) Malaria is adisease.
- 4) If I were you,
- 5) Paul said that.....

