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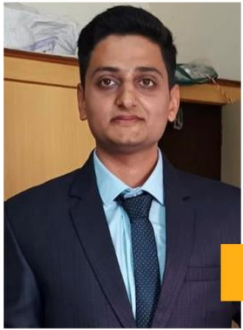
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Ex 87

Directions: The passage given below contains some blanks wherein the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.

Plastic and other pieces of debris have ___ A ___ found in the deepest parts of the ocean, according to a new study. A single-use plastic bag was among the 3,500 fragments ___ B ___ at a depth of 11,000 metres. More than one third of what was found was macroplastic – visible pieces of plastic larger than 5mm. The research ___ C ___ the deepest evidence of the ocean’s pollution problem. "As the deep sea is likely to be the final destination of floating plastic debris, the frequent ___ D ___ and widespread distribution of plastic debris in the deep sea indicate that large numbers of plastic debris pieces are distributed ___ E ___ the water column and in the high seas," the researchers said.

1. A.

A. recently

B. been

C. being

D. never

2. B.

A. extracted

B. sailing

C. discovered

D. surfaced

3. C.

A. indicate

B. foresees

C. culminates

D. demonstrates

4. D.

A. occurrence

B. occurring

C. development

D. happen

5. E.

A. whole

B. throughout

C. everywhere

D. during

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
B	C	D	A	B

Explanations:

1. The statement clearly is a passive voice sentence made in present perfect tense as it's not like 'Plastic and other pieces of debris' have found something in the ocean. Instead 'Plastic and other pieces of debris' must have been found by someone. Therefore, usage of either 'recently' or 'never' in place of the blank would still keep the sentence ungrammatical and thus both the options A and D can be eliminated here.

Between been and being, the former is the better choice keeping the grammar rules in mind. Being is the gerund form or the present participle and is incorrect here.

Ex. Someone has switched the lights off. (Active Voice)

Ex. The lights have been switched off. (Passive Voice)

Hence, Option B is correct.

2. *Extract* means 'to remove or to take out, especially by effort or force' and usage of its past participle is absurd here in the context.

Sail is generally used in the context of a ship or boat and usage of its present participle '*sailing*' would be irrelevant in the context of the sentence.

Usage of the word *surfaced* will absolutely be illogical as the plastic and other debris were found in the depth of the ocean and not on its surface.

Clearly, *discovered* is the most suited word here for the blank.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

3. In the context of the sentence, the best choices among the given ones are 'indicate' and 'demonstrates' but as the former one is a plural verb whereas the subject *research* is a singular one, the latter seems to fit the blank more appropriately.

Foresee means 'to predict something' and is absurd here.

Culminate means 'to reach a climax or point of highest development' and is absolutely illogical for the blank as well.

Hence, Option D is the correct answer.

4. Plastic waste is now found not only in coastal areas but also in the deep seas. Also, they can be found in increasing numbers and are becoming common. Thus, the correct word here would be occurrence.

Hence, Option A is correct.

5. The statement here tries to convey that plastic debris can be found in the entire seas/oceans. The only option that fits in grammatically is *throughout*.

Hence, Option B is correct.



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