Imformation Transfer Level B1

Questions 1-8

Read the passage below and answer the questions below. Choose *no more than three words or a number* from the text for each answer. For each question write your answer in the space provided.

IMPORTANT OF CORAL REEFS

Coral reefs are home to a wide range of marine organisms. They are found hidden beneath the ocean's waters. Fish, corals, lobsters, clams, seahorses, sponges, sharks, sea turtles and hundreds of thousands of creatures rely on reefs for their survival.

Coral reefs are important for many reasons. Most important of all, they provide protection and shelter for many different species of fish. Without coral reefs, these fish would be left homeless with nowhere to live and nowhere to populate.

The biodiversity in and around the reefs is considered key to finding new medicines for 21st century. Many drugs are now being develop from coral reef animals and plants as possible cures for bacterial infections and viruses.

Healthy reefs contribute to the local economy through tourism. Diving tours, fishing trips, hotels and restaurants based near reef systems provide millions of jobs and contribute billions of dollars all over the world.

In addition, coral reefs are very important because they protect the coasts from strong currents and waves by slowing down the water before it gets to the shore. That is why they are called barrier reefs: they provide a barrier between the ocean and the shore.

Coral Reefs

Examples of marine organism found around coral reefs:

- Fish, corals, lobsters, clams, sponges, sharks (1)_____, (2)_____

Coral reefs are important:

- Provide (3) _____
- Key to finding new medicines (4) _____for bacterial infections and viruses
- Contribute to local economy (5) _____
- Protects coasts from (6) _____

Businesses based near reefs systems:

- Diving tours
- Fishing trips

(7) _____

(8) _____

seahorses | hotels | seaturtles | possible cures | through tourism

strong currents | protection and shelter | restaurants

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