Matching Information

Exercise 1

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Passage 1

Bottom Trawling

A. The ocean environment is being threatened by a destructive commercial activity – bottom trawling. This is one of the most damaging environmental problems that plague the world today. Bottom trawling is an antique practice that started around the fourteenth century. Fishermen used a device called the 'wondyrchoun'. As the name implies, people then believed it to be a wonderful device because it had the capacity of taking almost everything from the bottom of the sea. The practice involved dragging fine mesh nets on the sea floor.

B. Bottom trawling became more widespread when the steam engine was invented during the nineteenth century. Fishermen repeatedly plowed sea beds, believing that this was like cultivating land. They observed that, often, trawlers which followed a leading trawler caught larger amounts of fish. The explanation for this was that the noise and the debris left by the initial trawler attracted other kinds of fishes. Hence, the second trawler harvested more fish. These days, bottom trawlers have the ability to destroy both shallow and deeper parts of the ocean. Satellite images show muddy trails left by trawlers on shallow seas. Tracks in deeper parts of the ocean are not visible. These activities are damaging to ocean floors, but experts cannot properly ascertain the scope of the destruction left by trawlers worldwide.

C. Many nations are still in a dilemma on whether to support people and their livelihood or to protect the environment from unsustainable and harsh methods of fishing. Nevertheless, bottom trawling is a great threat to marine environments, and this should be addressed immediately.

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Questions

Look at the following events (Questions 1– 4) and the list of points in time (A – E).

Match each event with its time of occurrence.

NB You may use any letter more than once.

A. 14th century
B. mid-18th century
C. 19th century
D. the year 2000
E. present day

1. A fishing method, described as a 'superb contraption', was created.
2. Bottom trawling was thought of as similar to tilling land.
3. Trawlers ruined sea beds in greater depths.
4. Experts could not calculate the extent of damage caused by trawlers.

Approach

STEP 1 Identify the keywords and question focus in each numbered statement in the list.

STEP 2 Find out the relevant information in the passage.

STEP 3 Match the numbered statement with its corresponding lettered item.

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