

PART 3 Questions 14-18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Goby, the amazing beach fish

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As part of a recent school project, I read many articles in newspapers, magazines and on the internet, about how much plastic there is in the world. It is in the sea, in rivers and on the land. It is everywhere. Plastic kills thousands of birds, fish and animals and the problem is getting worse and worse. People think that by the year 2050, there will be more pieces of plastic in the sea than fish.



If you walk on a beach you can see that this is true. On some beaches there is plastic everywhere. Of course, this problem is much worse in the summer when tourists spend lots of time on the beach and, sadly, many of them are too lazy to take their rubbish home with them or, at least, put it in a rubbish bin.

I also read that people at one local beach in the Mediterranean decided to do something about this problem. Instead of trying to put lots of ugly rubbish bags on the beach, they made a huge fish, bigger than a person, and put it on the beach. The fish has a big open mouth and you can see inside it. There is a big sign on the fish which says: '*I am Goby the fish and I love eating rubbish*'. The fish is actually beautiful and looks like a piece of art but it has a very important reason for being on the beach. People like to feed it with plastic bottles, paper, tin cans and any other rubbish they have. When it is full, it is emptied and then people can put their rubbish in it again.

Now that Goby 'lives' on the beach there is no rubbish there at all. This is a very clever way to make people keep the beaches clean and it looks good too. It also saves a lot of money. So the question is, 'Why isn't there a Goby on every beach in the world?'

14. The first paragraph says that
 - A. plastic is more useful now than it was in the past.
 - B. there is too much plastic everywhere.
 - C. plastic is now killing some people.
15. What is said about tourists?
 - A. They aren't careful with their rubbish.
 - B. They spend too much time on the beach.
 - C. They should not be allowed on the beaches.
16. What did people on a beach in the Mediterranean do?
 - A. They showed people how to go fishing.
 - B. They had an art competition on the beach.
 - C. They found an unusual way to keep the beach clean.
17. How could you describe Goby?
 - A. ugly but important
 - B. beautiful and useful
 - C. dirty and expensive
18. Why has Tim Barnet written this text?
 - A. to ask people not to make any rubbish on the beach
 - B. to encourage people to make art for the beach
 - C. to help stop people from leaving rubbish on the beach