

PRACTICE 5

You are going to read an article about causes of water pollution. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

For each question, write the correct answer (A – H) in the space provided.

Causes of Water Pollution

Water is the most valuable gift Mother Nature has given to humankind. 1 The main causes of water pollution are oil spills, farming wastes, industrial wastes and acid rain.

Oil spills occur when huge oil tankers have leaks. 2 All the fish, whales, dolphins, plankton and coral depend on clean water to survive. Many fish and plants die after such accidents as the oil spill may take years to clean up. If the spill occurs near land, the oil will be washed up onto the beach affecting sea birds and animals on land.

3 It may lose its ability to fly and survive. Nowadays, many kinds of pesticides are used in farming. The rain washes pesticides and fertilisers from the fields to the rivers and oceans. Some farmers dump animal wastes in the river as they do not know how to get rid of the waste properly. 4 They are acidic and very harmful to humans. Factories often dump their industrial wastes straight into the sea. 5 Some people even transport drums of industrial wastes and dump them into rivers although this is against the law.

Gases and fumes from cars, factories and power stations are dissolved in the raindrops to produce a weak acid. 6 Acid rain can be carried from one country to another by wind.

- A** When a sea bird is covered with oil, its feathers become heavy and sticky.
- B** Industrial wastes are even more dangerous.
- C** Unfortunately, the world's natural water supply is becoming more and more polluted.
- D** This acid rain pollutes the oceans and destroys forests.
- E** The oil destroys many forms of marine life.
- F** This endangers the corals that live in the ocean.
- G** The fish drink this polluted water which in turn will affect humans when they consume the fish.
- H** Humans and animals alike might die from thirst caused by the lack of water.

[6 marks]