CLOZE TEST

Read the passage and then fill in each blank with one appropriate word.

Many rivers and lakes around the world are polluted. The discharge of ___1___ materials by factories and households ___2___ pollution to rivers and lakes. The Rhine River in Europe and the Great Lakes in North America ___3___ good examples of a river and lakes that are polluted. Their ___4___ cannot be drunk.

The ___5___ thing is happening to the sea. In ___6___ instance, certain factories in Japan dumped industrial waste ___7___ the sea. Many people suffered ___8___ lead or mercury poisoning ___9___ eating fish caught in such polluted waters. Pollution in certain areas of the sea ___10___ now reaching dangerous levels. Many ships discharge their waste materials ___11___ unwanted engine oil into the sea. These wastes ___12___ lead and mercury which are poisonous. Sometimes, accidents ___13___ oil tankers can cause oil to be discharged into the sea and ___14___ the beach.

In ___15___ to discharge from factories and sewers, pollution can also come about as a ___16___ of politics. Individuals ___17___ want power deliberately place the living things in the sea ___18___ risk. In a recent example, many barrels of oil were deliberately ___19___ into the Gulf to ___20___ ships and soldiers from attacking the annexed shores of Kuwait.

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