Grade 12 Maze Reading

Scientists and environmentalists have (describe / described / describing) a vast patch of floating rubbish in (a Pacific Ocean / the Pacific Ocean / Pacific Ocean). A large (preparation / pollution / proportion) of waste ends up in the oceans. The North Pacific gyre, a current, (accumulates / accumulate / accumulating) this rubbish and deposits it into a massive area known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Plastic makes up the majority (as / so / but) it is cheap to produce and durable. The problem is it does not biodegrade. Instead, it simply breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces, and turns parts of the ocean into a murky soup. Drs. Lynott & Turner from the Irish Environmental Academic Council suggest that as the population expands and more rubbish is (dumping / dump / dumped) into our oceans, this problem is going to get bigger and microplastic will begin (entering / enter / to enter) the human food chain. This could (potentially /potential/ potentiality) be catastrophic for peoples' health. As I (mention / mentioned / was mentioned) earlier, the term 'soup' has often been floated to describe microplastic (population / pollution / ablution). This dense cloud in the water prevents light from (penetrating / penetrate / penetrated) to the deeper levels of the ocean, (who / how / which) in turn prevents plankton and algae growth. Plankton is a major source of food for small marine life, and it is on these that larger fish such as tuna depend. So, the potential for damage to the (enter / retire / entire) marine food web is high. The situation is further (compound / compounded / compounding) by the question of (who / where / which) is responsible for the rubbish patch. No one country is willing to take on that (responsible / responsibly / responsibility). (Although, / Therefore, / However,) it is left to environmental organizations to investigate and address this.

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