Reading Explorer 4, Third Edition Extra Comprehension Questions

Reading 11A: *Saving Water*

Choose the best answer for each question.

DETAIL

1. The number of official wells in La Mancha increased by _____ between 1960 and the present.

   a. 1,500
   b. 19,500
   c. 21,000
   d. 48,500

COHESION

2. In which position—[1], [2], [3], or [4]—should this sentence be added to paragraph D?

   Children are particularly susceptible to diseases spread by drinking or cooking with contaminated water, with about 5,000 children dying each day from preventable waterborne diseases.

   The United Nations recently outlined the extent of the water crisis. **[1]** Due to water scarcity, 5 billion people will face severe water shortages by 2050 if consumption continues at current rates. **[2]** Today, lack of access to clean water means that an estimated 2.1 billion people drink water that is unsafe. **[3]** More than 3 million people die each year from diseases related to unclean water. **[4]**

   a. [1]
   b. [2]
   c. [3]
   d. [4]

DETAIL

3. Rajendra Singh offers to _____.

   a. help locate a good site for the dam
   b. provide workers to build the *johad*
   c. make advice and materials available
   d. arrange one-third of the project

VOCABULARY

4. The word *catastrophe* in paragraph I is closest in meaning to _____.

   a. disaster
   b. surprise
   c. disappointment
   d. success

DETAIL

5. Which of the following is NOT one of the steps Neil Macleod took to ease the water crisis in Durban, South Africa?

   a. installing smaller toilets
   b. recycling waste water
   c. building a new dam
   d. fixing water pipes

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