WHAT IS WATER POLLUTION?

The water they say is life. With about 70% of the earth's cover being water, it undeniably **(1)** _____ one of our greatest resources. **(2)** _____, a closer inspection of our water resources today, give us a rude shock.

Infested with waste ranging from **(3)** _____ plastic bags to chemical waste, our water bodies **(4)** _____ into a pool of poison. In simple words, the contamination of water bodies **(5)** _____ water pollution. Thereby the abuse of lakes, ponds, oceans, rivers, reservoirs, etc. is water pollution. Pollution of water occurs when substances that will modify the water in a negative fashion **(6)** _____ in it. This discharge of pollutants can be direct as well as indirect.

Water pollution is an appalling problem, powerful **(7)** _____ to lead the world on a path of destruction. Water is an easy solvent, **(8)** _____ most pollutants to dissolve in it easily and contaminate it. The most basic effect of water pollution **(9)** _____ by the organisms and vegetation that survive in water, including amphibians. On a human level, several people die each day **(10)** _____ to consumption of polluted and infected water.

As per the Economist report (dated 2008) each day over 1000 children die of diarrheal sickness in India and the numbers **(11)** _____ in the last five years. Water is polluted by both natural as well as man-made activities. Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, Tsunamis, etc. **(12)** _____ to alter water and contaminate it, also affecting ecosystems that survive under water.

	A	B	C	D
1	become	became	becomes	had become
2	However	Since	But	Although
3	floated	floating	was floating	is floating
4	turned	was turned	have turned	were turning
5	mean	means	meaning	meant
6	are discharged	is discharged	discharged	discharge
7	also	but	enough	as
8	enabling	to enable	enabled	have enabled
9	directly suffered	have directly suffered	are directly suffered	is directly suffered
10	as	due	in order	in case
11	had only increased	only increased	have only increased	were only increased
12	know	are known	have known	had known

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