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CLOSE-UP

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3 The Wonders of Nature

Vocabulary

Prepositions

A Complete the phrases with the correct preposition.

- 1 (after / across) _____ years of something
- 2 take action (on / onto) _____ something
- 3 for (between / over) _____ 20 years
- 4 go from here (to / in) _____ there
- 5 get (for / from) _____ this to this
- 6 appear (in / into) _____ something
- 7 get (during / onto) _____ something
- 8 (on / at) _____ the moment
- 9 turn (at / into) _____ something
- 10 (before / on) _____ something happens

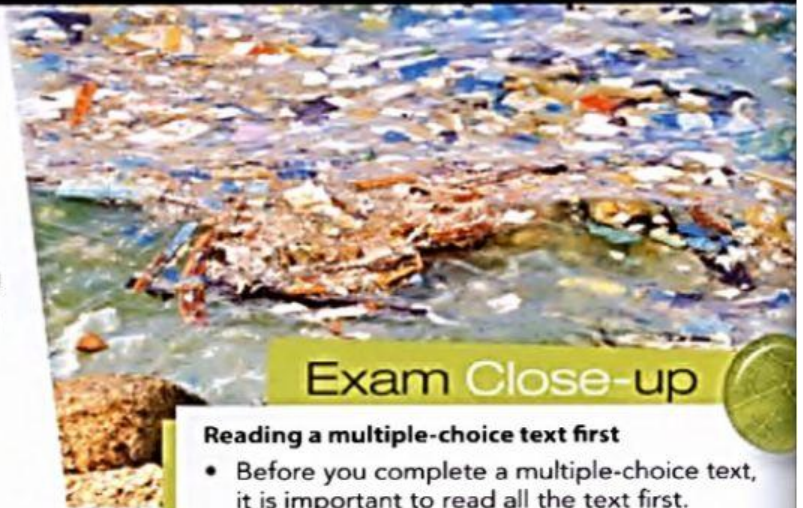
B Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

in into to over at onto before from

- 1 We need to protect the rainforest _____ it disappears.
- 2 I have been using solar power for _____ a decade now. Twelve years in fact.
- 3 In Iceland, you can explore anything _____ caves to glaciers.
- 4 They are turning this land _____ a conservation area.

C Read the *Exam Close-up* and then read the *Exam Task* text. How could the 'Great Garbage Patch' be dangerous?

D Now complete the *Exam Task*. Remember to read the text again when you have finished.



Exam Close-up

Reading a multiple-choice text first

- Before you complete a multiple-choice text, it is important to read all the text first.
- Make sure you understand what the text is about before you start to choose the correct answers.
- When you have chosen the answers, go back and read the text again and check that it makes sense.

- 5 The stream goes from the top of the mountain _____ the bottom of the valley.
- 6 Species from the rainforest have appeared _____ people's garden ponds.
- 7 Bacteria on animals can get _____ our hands.
- 8 I can't talk right now; I'm very busy _____ the moment.

Exam Task

What a load of rubbish!!

It's difficult to believe that (1) _____ years of people working hard to fight pollution and take action (2) _____ the environment, we still have a long way to go before we succeed.

Oceanographers have discovered a huge 'plastic soup' made from rubbish floating in the Pacific Ocean. This island of rubbish has been growing slowly for (3) _____ 60 years and is now so big it goes from California (4) _____ Hawaii and nearly to Japan. It contains everything you could imagine, (5) _____ plastic bags to children's toys and even plastic swimming pools!

The 'Great Garbage Patch' as it's sometimes called, causes lots of problems. One of these is the chemicals it produces in the sea. These chemicals and small pieces of plastic are now appearing (6) _____ fish, and obviously, this means the plastic-filled fish could get (7) _____ our dinner plates!

It's not all bad news though. (8) _____ the moment, a conservation group are investigating if the 100 million tons of waste can be turned (9) _____ fuel and used in a positive way.

Let's hope they take action (10) _____ the 'plastic soup' now before it gets any bigger!

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| 1 a after | b about | c across | d over |
| 2 a around | b above | c about | d on |
| 3 a between | b over | c below | d on |
| 4 a in | b outside | c to | d for |
| 5 a for | b to | c from | d before |
| 6 a after | b in | c at | d from |
| 7 a over | b behind | c onto | d into |
| 8 a At | b On | c In | d Over |
| 9 a instead of | b into | c inside | d between |
| 10 a behind | b during | c before | d on |

Ideas Focus

- Do you think we should recycle 100% of our household waste? Why? / Why not?