Comprehension Test

Read the following passage carefully.

My beautiful homeland Barbados is a lovely coral island, which has emerged from the sea bed over a period of time as a result of volcanic activities. Its beauty has been accentuated by the lovely stretches of coral shore along with the exquisite blue-green sea. The coral reef shore line helps to distinguish Barbados as an excellent venue for snorkeling and Scuba Diving. Barbadians can boast of the ever present cooling breeze of the trade wind which has given us a mild and pleasant **tropical** climate.

Unfortunately this beauty has been threatened by several unrepentant individuals who have **persisted** to litter and dump their garbage indiscriminately. These concerns are widespread and many believe that not only the beauty of our nation is under threat; but more critically the health of our nation is under siege.

If **such practices** are allowed to continue there will definitely be an increase in the breeding grounds for **rodents** and other household pests and the potential outbreak of diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, dysentery and leptospirosis.

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The following questions are about the passage you have just read. Select the Best answer to Each question.

1. **What is the main type of rock found in Barbados?**

1. clay
2. marble
3. coral stone
4. hard stone

2. **What natural forces have caused the island to rise from the sea bed?**

1. hurricanes
2. tidal waves
3. volcanic activities
4. strong ocean currents

3. **According to the passage what is the colour of the sea water?**

1. white
2. green
3. blue
4. blue-green

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4. **What recreation events are mentioned in the passage?**

1. snorkeling and scuba diving
2. swimming and fishing
3. golf and horseback riding
4. none of the above

5. **Which of the following best describes Barbados' weather?**

1. hot with little or no rainfall
2. rainy all year
3. hot with cool breezes
4. cool and wet

6. **According to the passage, what is threatening the beauty and health of our nation.**

1. folding
2. volcanic activity
3. snorkeling and scuba diving
4. littering and illegal dumping of garbage

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7. **What part of speech is the word *"tropical"* in line seven?**

1. a noun
2. an adjective
3. a verb
4. an adverb

8. **What does the phrase "such practices" in line 12 refer to?**

1. the beauty of our nation
2. littering and dumping garbage indiscriminately
3. the threat of diseases
4. the climate conditions

9. **Which one of the following words could replace the word *"persisted"* in line 9?**

1. continued
2. disregarded
3. helped
4. allowed

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10. **What can citizens do to help beautify their country?**

1. only dump garbage close to forested areas
2. stop littering indiscriminately
3. increase sporting activities
4. allow stray animals to roam freely

11. **What do you think rodents in line 13 refer to?**

1. flies
2. insects
3. roaches
4. rats and mice

12. **The most suitable title for this passage is**

1. Beautiful Barbados
2. The Dangers of Littering
3. Water Sports
4. Land of Sea and Sun

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