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TOURISM TODAY

People travel all over the world and attend a lot of interesting places. The effect of travelling of large amount of people sometimes is incredible. Here are some examples of it.

Large number of people coming to one place once at a time can have less comfortable accommodation as it was in Scotland where only 40% of tourists were offered hotels.

Tourism is one of the principal contributions of pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and as the number of people increase, the problem worsen. Several laws and initiatives have been implemented in order to protect the Mediterranean Sea from further degradation. The rapid tourism development of Bali has had a great effect on its natural environment, affecting water resources, increasing pollution and localized flooding, as well as putting pressure on the island's infrastructure.

In Cancun, Mexico, tourism has extensively damaged the lagoon, obliterated sand dunes, led to the extinction of varying species of animals and fish, and destroyed the rainforest which surrounds the island. It was only twenty years after it was developed, that the government of Mexico decided to limit projects along the coast to prevent further damage to the island's environment.

In Trinidad and Tobago there are shortages of water due to the overpopulation of tourists on the island. The most damaging effect of tourism has been the destruction of coral reefs, as they are harvested for sale to tourists and destroyed by tourists stepping on them as they enter the water.

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A. Match the word with its definition

1. degradation
2. infrastructure
3. lagoon
4. obliterate
5. initiative
6. implement
7. harvest
8. extinction

- a. make an idea, plan, or law start to be used
- b. collect plants, animals, or things that can be eaten or used
- c. a situation in which something stops existing
- d. a new plan for dealing with a particular problem
- e. the process of changing into a worse condition
- f. destroy completely
- g. an area of sea water separated from the sea by rocks or sand
- h. the basic systems and services, such as buildings, transport and power supplies

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B. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) of false (F).

1. The effect of tourism is only positive.
2. Mass tourism can cause housing shortages.
3. Tourism is largely responsible for pollution of the Mediterranean Sea.
4. Tourism promotes conservation of wildlife and natural resources such as rainforests.
5. Bali's rapid tourism development has had a negative impact on its natural environment.
6. Tourism made little damage in Cancun because the government of Mexico put a limit on projects along the coast.
7. Overpopulation of tourists leads to the lack of fresh water resources in Trinidad and Tobago.
8. The destruction of coral reefs is mostly caused by tourists collecting coral for souvenirs.