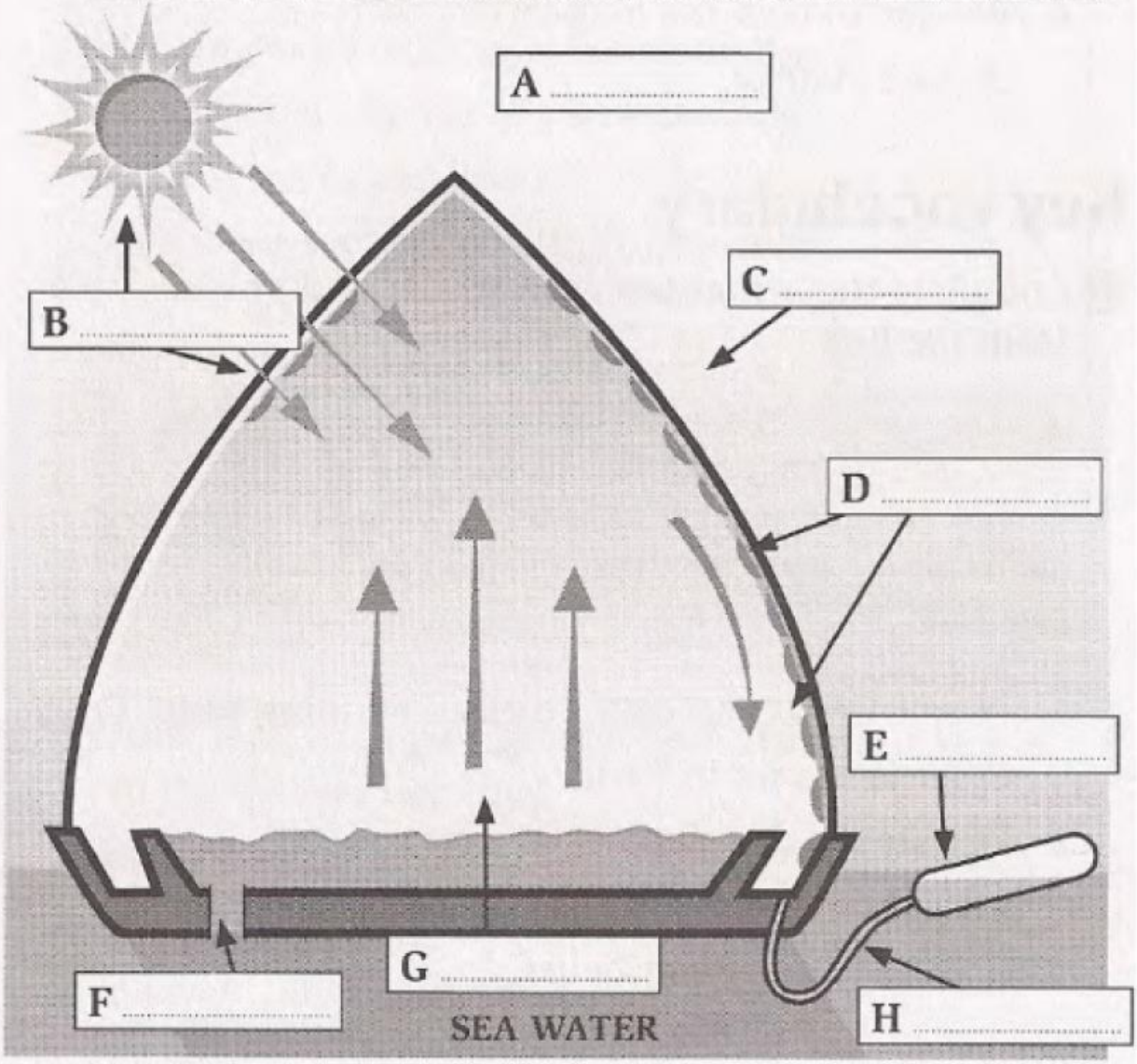
Writing

Task 1

1 Read the Writing task below and look at the diagram. Decide which information below goes in which box in the diagram. Write the appropriate number (1–8) in each box.

The diagram below shows a simple device for changing sea water to drinking water.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.



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1 Evaporated water condenses on the dome and flows into rim.
2 Rubber tube.
3 Dome lets in sunlight.
4 How a floating solar still converts sea water to drinking water.
5 Drinking water collector.
6 Heat from sun's rays evaporates sea water.
7 Sea water enters through a small hole.
8 Plastic container with clear plastic dome.

❷ What should each paragraph in the Writing task contain? Match the paragraphs (1–4) with the necessary information (a–f). There are two letters that you do *not* need.

1	Paragraph 1 should	a	describe how well you think the device works.
2	Paragraph 2 should	b	explain how the system works.
3	Paragraph 3 should	c	explain how to set up the system.
4	Paragraph 4 should	d	explain what the diagram shows and list the equipment.
		e	explain what sort of person would want one of these.
		f	contain an overview of the diagram.

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3 Put sentences A–I in the correct order, and match with the paragraphs in Exercise 2.

..... **A** The larger plastic container is placed on the sea water, where it floats.

..... **B** The water flows down the dome into the rim of the container, through the rubber tube into the drinking water collector.

..... **C** Sunlight passes through the clear dome and heats up the sea water, which evaporates and condenses on the inside of the dome.

..... **D** The diagram shows how a bit of basic equipment can be used to produce clean drinking water in just a few simple steps.

..... **E** The distilled water collector is attached to the container by a rubber tube, and is placed in the water next to it.

..... **F** It is ready to drink.

..1.. **G** The diagram shows a way in which sea water can be converted to drinking water using a simple device called a floating solar still.

..... **H** The process begins when the bottom of the larger container is partly filled by sea water, which enters through a small hole.

..... **I** This device consists of a clear plastic dome, a rubber tube and a smaller container called a distilled water collector.

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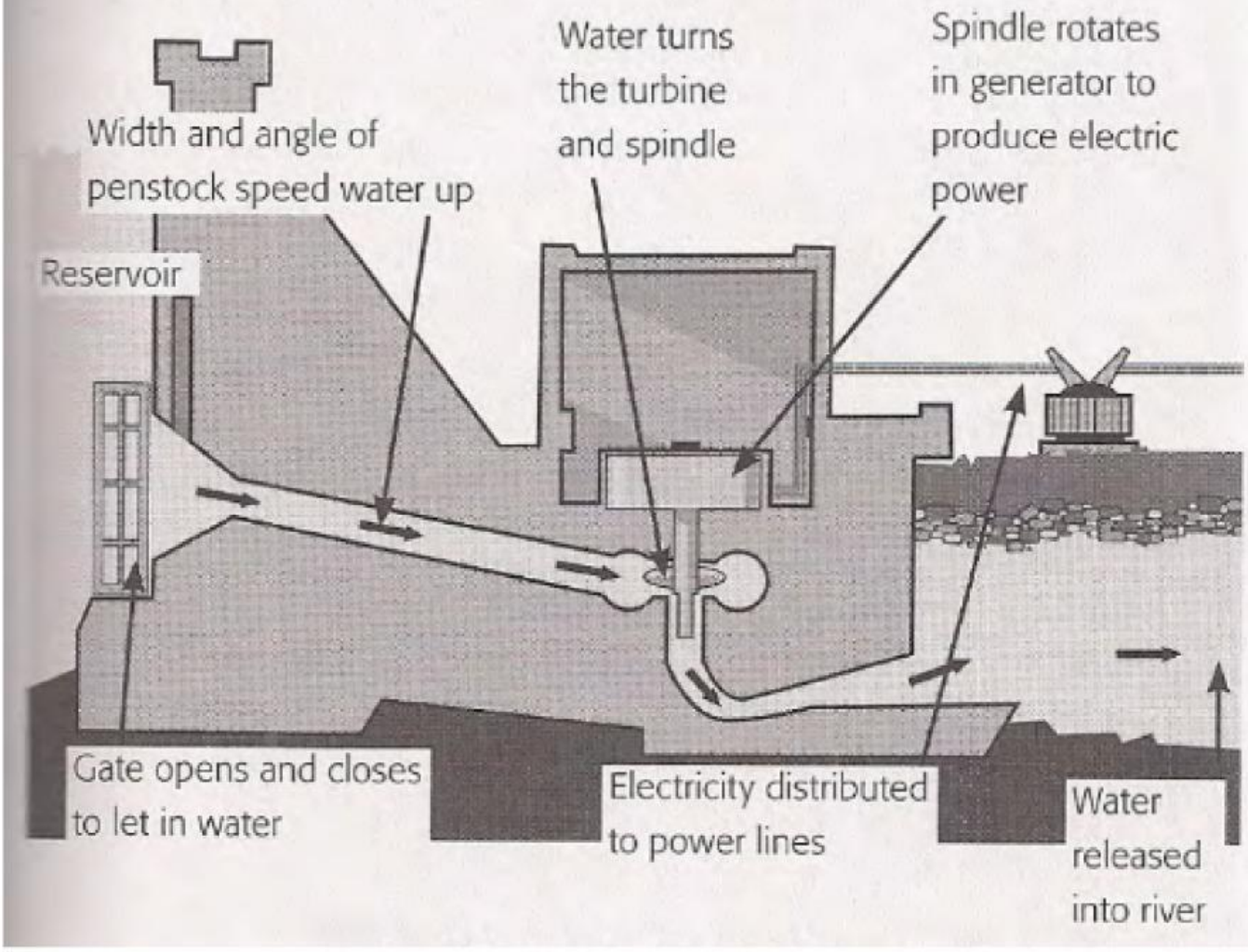
4 Now write your answer to the following Writing task. You should write at least 150 words.

The diagrams below show two methods of using water to produce electricity.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Hydroelectric dam



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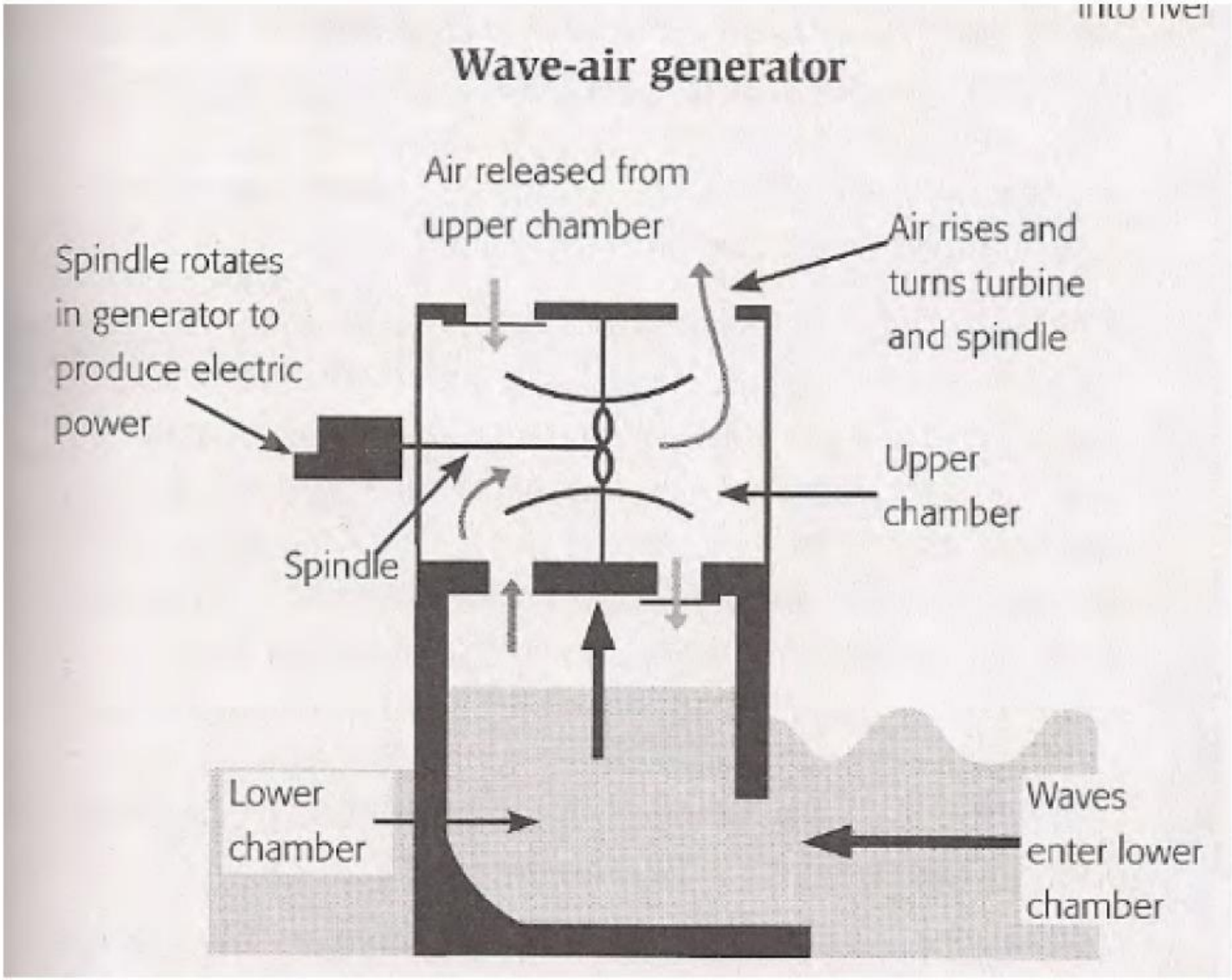

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Grammar

The passive

1 Complete the second sentence in each pair so that it is passive. Pay particular attention to the tense of the main verb.

1 People spend a lot of money on bottled water.
A lot of money ...is spent... on bottled water.

2 A local celebrity opened the new swimming pool yesterday.
The new swimming pool ..... yesterday.

3 The recent bad weather has damaged the dam near the reservoir.
The dam near the reservoir ..... .

4 We can use a solar still to convert sea water to drinking water.
A solar still ..... to convert sea water to drinking water.

5 The council will fine anyone who pollutes the lake.
Anyone who pollutes the lake ..... .

6 Swimmers must wear swimming caps in the pool.
Swimming caps ..... in the pool.

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2 Improve this sample answer from the Writing section using the words from the box. In some cases, more than one answer may be possible, but you should try to use each word once only.

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The diagram shows a way in which sea water can be converted to drinking water using a simple device called a floating solar still. This device consists of a plastic container with a clear plastic dome, a rubber tube and a smaller container called a distilled water collector.

1 ..... , the larger plastic container is placed on the surface of the sea water, where it floats.
2 ..... , the distilled water collector is attached to the container by a rubber tube, and is placed in the water next to it.

The process begins when the bottom of the larger container is partly filled by sea water, which enters through a small hole in the side. Sunlight **3** ..... passes through the clear dome and heats up the sea water, which evaporates and condenses on the inside of the dome. **4** ..... , the water flows down the dome into the rim of the container, through the rubber tube into the drinking water collector. It is **5** ..... ready to drink.

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The diagram shows how a bit of basic equipment can be used to produce clean drinking water in just a few simple steps.

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