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Rivers are beautiful and important parts of the landscape. Over five billion people need them to **survive**, as well as thousands of animals. But water supplies in countries all over the world are decreasing and river pollution is increasing.

Today, even the world's great rivers like the Nile, Yangtze and Ganges are in danger, with 30 out of 47 of the largest rivers showing water pollution. Some of the most polluted rivers are in Europe and the United States. There isn't much clean water left and the cleanest rivers are a long way from humans, in the Arctic or Siberia.

The situation in the Middle East is a good example of how we are using water too much. In the 1970s. Saudi Arabia wanted to produce food for its people. To do this, they needed water. But how much water does the country have? In a year, **it** only has 100 mm of rain. To get water, engineers drilled down into the rock. How many years did they have before the water ran out? It took just 20 years to use all the underground water.

Question 1: What is the primary purpose of rivers as described in the passage?

A. To provide a means of transportation

B. To serve as tourist attractions

C. To supply water for humans and animals

D. To generate electricity

Question 2: What action did Saudi Arabia take to solve its water shortage problem?

A. They built large reservoirs.

B. They drilled into the rock for underground water.

C. They imported water from other countries.

D. They implemented strict water usage laws.

Question 3: In the passage, the word "**survive**" is closest in meaning to _____.

A. exist B. adapt C. improve D. escape

Question 4: The word **"it"** in bold in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. year B. water C. rain D. Saudi Arabia

Question 5: What can be inferred from the passage about the state of rivers worldwide?

A. Rivers will continue to provide ample clean water in the future.

B. Overuse and pollution of rivers could lead to water shortages.

C. All countries are equally affected by river pollution.

D. Technological advances will resolve the issue of river pollution quickly.

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