Read the paragraph 1-5 and choose the most suitable sentence (A–E) to fill in each blank in the corresponding paragraph.

A. The company has continuously invested in improving its infrastructure and technology.

B. This steady growth puts increasing pressure on port capacity.

C. This highlights its crucial role in global trade and transportation.

D. Many environmental and social concerns must be carefully considered.

E. This process would significantly reshape the natural coastline and nearby habitats.

Para 1

The Port of Vancouver, in British Columbia, Canada, is the largest port in Canada, and by weight of cargo moved in and out, the third largest in North America. Raw materials and products are exchanged between Canada and 170 world economies. **[1]** As agricultural products are shipped out and consumer goods brought in, they are then transported across the country by trains and trucks. In size, the port includes over 16,000 hectares of water, 15,000 hectares of land, and hundreds of kilometers of coastal property.

Para 2

Although it is about the same size as the next five largest Canadian ports, the Port of Vancouver is still not big enough. Trade through the port has been rising for decades. **[2]** It is projected to continue to increase at a rate of about 3.5% every year. At that rate, the port is expected to run out of room by 2030.

Para 3

But expanding a port is no easy matter. **[3]** For one thing, with every new construction, problems arise with water, air, and noise pollution, affecting local communities, indigenous people, and wildlife. Although Vancouver is located too far north to have sensitive coral reefs, there is still important marine life in the area.

Para 4

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has proposed building a new marine container terminal on the coast. By adding material to coastal waters, the Port Authority would essentially create new land. **[4]** They promise that the project will be funded entirely by private investment, not tax dollars. However, some people remain concerned about possible hidden costs.

Para 5

In fact, one of the private companies has an alternative proposal. Since 1997, GCT Deltaport has run a container terminal near the proposed new site. **[5]** In 2010 and 2018, the company invested heavily to improve efficiency and expand operations. This proposal may meet the port's needs for many years.

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