**REMEDIAL TEST TERM 2 FORM 4LSUB**

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**Reading text: A Plastic Ocean: a film review**

A Plastic Ocean is a film to make you think. Think, and then act. We need to take action on our dependence on plastic. We’ve been producing plastic in huge quantities since the 1940s. Drink bottles, shopping bags, toiletries and even clothes are made with plastic. 1) ………………… . What happens to all the rest? This is the question the film A Plastic Ocean answers. It is a documentary that looks at the impact that plastic waste has on the environment. Spoiler alert: the impact is devastating. The film begins as a journey to film the largest animal on the planet, the blue whale. But during the journey the filmmakers (journalist Craig Leeson and environmental activist Tanya Streeter) make the shocking discovery of a huge, thick layer of plastic floating in the middle of the Indian Ocean. 2) ………………… . In total, they visited 20 locations around the world during the four years it took them to make the film. The documentary premiered in 2016, and is now on streaming services such as Netflix.

It’s very clear that a lot of research went into the film. There are beautiful shots of the seas and marine life. 3) ………………… . We see how marine species are being killed by all the plastic we are dumping in the ocean. The message about our use of plastic is painfully obvious.

4) ………………… . In the second half, the filmmakers look at what we can do to reverse the tide of plastic flowing around the world. They present short-term and long-term solutions. These include avoiding plastic containers and ‘single-use’ plastic products as much as possible. Reuse your plastic bags and recycle as much as you can. The filmmakers also stress the need for governments to work more on recycling programmes, and look at how technology is developing that can convert plastic into fuel.

We make a staggering amount of plastic. In terms of plastic bags alone, we use five hundred billion worldwide annually. Over 300 million tons of plastic are produced every year, and at least 8 million of those are dumped into the oceans. 5) …………………. Once you’ve seen A Plastic Ocean, you’ll realise the time is now and we all have a role to play.

**TASK 1. Match the missing sentences (a–e) with the correct place in the text (1–5).**

a. This prompts them to travel around the world to look at other areas that have been affected.

b. These are contrasted with scenes of polluted cities and dumps full of plastic rubbish.

c. We live in a world full of plastic, and only a small proportion is recycled.

d. The results are disastrous, but it isn’t too late to change.

e. But the film doesn’t only present the negative side.

**TASK 2. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.**

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| obvious | reverse | take | term |
| impact | role | make | amount |

1. We urgently need to ……………………………… action about the plastic waste problem.

2. The hurricane had a devastating ……………………………… on the island.

3. The filmmakers ……………………………… a shocking discovery in the Pacific.

4. The answer was painfully ……………………………… to everyone in the room.

5. Everyone has a ……………………………… to play in this situation.

6. It’s not too late to ……………………………… the tide and fix the problem.

7. This is a short-……………………………… solution. It won’t work forever.

8. There is a staggering ……………………………… of plastic in the world.

**TASK 3. LISTENING ACTIVITY:**

You are given a piece of audio and some questions, which correspond to the audio.

**Each given question has three options A, B, and C. Choose the best option for each question.  
You hear a conversation with Andrea Thompson who is Britain's strongest woman.**

1) When asked how strong she is, Andrea explains

* A) that she could lift a big animal.
* B) that she could lift a vehicle.
* C) that she could pull a hippo.

2) How does Andrea describe her feeling towards sport as a kid?

* A) She had no interest in sport at that time.
* B) She enjoyed some events, but was not really convinced.
* C) She was always passionate about sport.

3) Andrea says her initial reason for getting involved in weight lifting was

* A) to motivate her younger sister.
* B) to compete with her older sister.

4) How did Andrea feel when some men refused to train with her?

* A) She didn't care because she was enjoying herself.
* B) She felt humiliated.

5) Andrea explains that when she entered the strong woman competition in 2015,

* A) she was well informed because she had done her research.
* B) she had a lot of experience.
* C) she knew next to nothing about the details.

6) How did the coach she approached react to her request for help?

* A) With disbelief.
* B) With admiration.
* C) With irritation.

7) What drives her to push herself as much as she does?

* A) The pressure from her family.
* B) The pleasure of being the best.
* C) The pride that her kids can see her win.

**TOTAL SCORE: 20 points**  
Task 1 points 5  
Task 2 points 8  
Task 3 points 7

**Pass mark: 12 points**