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1. Read the following passage then answer the questions. (10 points)

Fish and many other kinds of life, like coral, are disappearing from the oceans fast. There are sad changes everywhere. Near the coast, they are often caused by pollution. Farther out, the cause is often over-fishing. Fishing boats with huge nets catch and kill everything. We risk a terrible manmade disaster – the death of the oceans.

But could our recent action to save the whales give us hope? Two centuries ago, whales were already being caught for their oil and meat. By the 1940s, the job was being made easier by modern technology. From the 1950s to the 1980s, they were being caught everywhere and numbers were collapsing. Whole species of whales were quickly being destroyed, and they were not being protected anywhere.

Finally, the world took action. In 1985, almost every country agreed to stop catching whales. This means that whale populations are slowly rising again.

Could the same thing happen with fish and fishing? Sadly, almost certainly not. In Europe, people are required to catch smaller quantities now, but almost everywhere else they go on fishing freely – though it is getting harder. They cannot stop: too many hungry people need to eat.

Perhaps the only way to save the oceans is the one that our ancestors discovered long ago: farming. There are already many fish farms, and perhaps there will soon be many more along the world's coasts. People say the fish do not taste as good as wild fish. However, that is still much better than losing all the fish in the world.

A. Answer the questions.

1. What are people required to do in Europe? (1 pt)

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2. Why are whales being caught two centuries ago? (1 pt)

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B. True or False: (2 pt)

a. Many forms of life in the oceans are in danger. ()

b. Fishing is the only cause of the problem. ()

C. Complete the sentences: (3 pt)

1. with catch and kill everything.

2. In 1985 most countries agreed to

3. The only way to save oceans is

D. Say what the underlined words refer to / mean: (3 pt)

a. Line 2: they are caused by pollution.

b. Line 10: Finally, the world took action.

E. Give a word from the text that means: : reason.

Part Two: Vocabulary

1. Match the words with the meanings that are almost the same. (2 pt)

{go up / number / closer to / find / enormous }

1. quantity
2. rise
3. near
4. discover

2. Add pairs of opposite from the list below. (make any changes needed) (3 pt)

turn on - turn off

enemy - friend

dangerous - safe

1. It's too for the children to go out on the road. They must stay in the garden: it's there.
2. It was dark when I arrived. I stopped the car, the engine, went to the house, opened the door and the lights inside.
3. Why are you always angry with Deema? She isn't your, you know, and she wants to be your

3. Match these forms of "look" with the definition. (4 pt)

{look for - look up - look after - look at }

1. : make sure that nothing bad happens to someone or something.
2. : turn your eyes towards someone or something to see it clearly.
3. : try to find information, usually in a book or a list or on the internet.
4. : try to find someone or something.

4. Circle the correct answer. (4 pt)

1. We've three times, but Omar doesn't seem to be at home.
a. knocked b. fetched c. expected d. suggested
2. I'll the name on the guest list.
a. look at b. look for c. look up d. look
3. I hear that you to Oxfam.
a. volunteer b. belong c. victim d. collect

Part Three: Language (6 pt)

1. Join these sentences with {who / which}

1. We do projects. They help the local community.
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2. Tom is the volunteer. He helped to build a mosque.
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3. There is something else. I can do it.
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2. Rewrite into passive. (3 pt)

1. Some people are talking fish off the boat.
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2. Something is doing something.
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3. People were catching them everywhere.

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3. Put the correct verb form. (4 pt)

1. Last night, we a box in the cupboard. (find)
2. If the oil burning, I turn off the cooker. (start)
3. If someone in trouble, we usually help him. (be)
4. If I , it wont be easy to live here.

4. Circle the correct answer. (5 pt)

1. If you some simple if you like.
a. teach b. will teach c. would like d. would have taught
2. If you , I would be happy.
a. comes b. comes c. came d. will come
3. Pollution a lot of damage to life in the ocean.
a. cause b. caused c. causing d. has caused
4. Whales were being destroyed. (quickly)
a. Whales were being quickly destroyed.
b. Whales quickly were being destroyed.
c. Whales were quickly being destroyed.
d. Whales were being destroyed quickly.
5. The price of bread a lot.
a. go up b. going up c. goes up d. gone up

Listening: (4 pt)

Listen and underline the sound with the strongest stress.

1. If we choose this project, people here would be much fitter.
2. If we built a new health centre, people could get medical help faster than now.

Speaking: (5 pt)

Think and discuss the following:

Do you agree that we should “Live for the present, live for today? What about living only for the future? What about living only in the past?

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Writing: (5 pt)

Use the ideas to write a paragraph about the problems of traditional fishing.

Over-fishing is happening around the world. / Everything in the sea is being killed by fishermen. / Fish populations everywhere are falling. / The price of fish in the shops is rising.

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