

**◆Direction (1 - 9) Read the following passage and answer the given questions. Directions: Read the following passage and answer the given questions.**

*In June this year, the city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil hosted an international meeting on ocean pollution, attended by representatives from seventy-two countries. The event was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and supported by WWF and Greenpeace. Environmental activists, business leaders, and trade officials came together to discuss strategies for reducing pollution in the world's oceans. Experts presented alarming facts: nearly eight million tons of plastic enter the oceans every year, harming marine life, polluting seafood, and affecting global trade. Coastal communities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America face the greatest challenges, but the consequences extend worldwide. UNESCO also warned that pollution could damage cultural heritage sites along coastlines if action is not taken soon.*

*Much of the discussion focused on industries and their responsibilities. Activists stressed that without a change in their approach to production and packaging, companies would continue harmful practices, worsening the problem. Business leaders shared encouraging examples: a European company demonstrated biodegradable packaging, while an Asian firm introduced a recycling system that converts plastic waste into construction material. A delegate from the World Trade Organization emphasized that sustainable practices are not only environmentally responsible but also economically beneficial, creating new jobs and market opportunities. Across sessions, a common theme was clear: the problem runs deep, and addressing it requires both corporate responsibility and government support.*

*The closing session combined urgency with optimism. Delegates shared real-life examples of the human impact of pollution—fishermen in Indonesia struggling to catch fish, Caribbean communities losing tourists, and families falling ill from contaminated seafood. At the same time, success stories highlighted practical solutions: a Brazilian company reduced its plastic use by over 60 percent, and a youth activist from Kenya organized a large coastal cleanup involving thousands of volunteers. The conference concluded with a declaration committing nations to invest in clean technologies, promote stricter trade rules, and encourage citizens worldwide to adopt \_\_\_\_\_ habits. The Rio gathering served as a clear reminder that although the challenge is significant, with persistence, unity, and responsible choices, humanity can protect the oceans for future generations.*

**Q1. According to the passage, which of the following groups of people were present at the Rio de Janeiro international conference on ocean pollution?**

- (A) Only students and local community members
- (B) Only environmental activists
- (C) Only government representatives
- (D) Only business leaders and scientists
- (E) Environmental activists, business leaders, and trade officials

**Q2. Approximately how much plastic, according to the experts, is dumped into the seas annually?**

- (A) 1 million tons
- (B) 8 million tons
- (C) 80 million tons
- (D) 800 thousand tons
- (E) 18 million tons

**Q3. According to the passage, which of the following was a solution highlighted by business leaders during the Rio de Janeiro conference as an example of how industries can contribute to reducing ocean pollution and promoting environmentally responsible practices?**

- (A) Reducing fish consumption
- (B) Increasing trade tariffs
- (C) Creating biodegradable packaging
- (D) Closing coastal communities
- (E) Ignoring the plastic problem

**Q4. Which individual or group was responsible for organizing a large coastal cleanup that involved thousands of volunteers, as mentioned during the closing session of the Rio de Janeiro conference on ocean pollution?**

- (A) Brazilian entrepreneur
- (B) Youth activist from Kenya
- (C) UNESCO official
- (D) WWF representative

(E) UNEP delegate

**Q5. Which of the following statements is true as per the information shared in the passage?**

- (A) The conference was attended by representatives from fifty countries.
- (B) Only governments are responsible for protecting oceans.
- (C) Plastic waste does not affect global trade according to the passage.
- (D) UNESCO warned that pollution could threaten cultural heritage sites along coastlines.
- (E) The conference was organized by WHO.

**Q6. According to the passage, which international organization played the primary role in organizing the Rio de Janeiro conference on ocean pollution?**

- (A) WTO
- (B) UNEP
- (C) IMF
- (D) WHO
- (E) UNESCO

**Q7. Which of the following is the most appropriate word to replace "Approach" as used in the passage?**

- (A) Step
- (B) Method
- (C) Distance
- (D) Attack
- (E) None of these

**Q8. The conference concluded with a declaration committing nations to invest in clean technologies and encourage citizens worldwide to adopt \_\_\_\_\_ habits.**

- (A) Disposable
- (B) Sustainable
- (C) Fragile
- (D) Passive
- (E) Exhaustive

**Q9. Which of the following is a synonym of the word 'Deep' as used in the passage?**

- (A) Strong      (B) Heavy
- (C) Profound      (D) Wide
- (E) None of these

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