

ENGLISH (IBPS CLERK MAINS 11 JANUARY 2018)

DIRECTION

Q.1-10. In the following passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered as well as filled with a word which may be appropriate in the context of the passage or maybe not. If the word highlighted is correct and needs no improvement then choose any one option which can replace the highlighted word from the options given below. But if the given word is incorrect and requires change then choose any one option which can replace the highlighted word from the options given below.

In addition to air and water pollution, India can now add one more category to its pollution ----1: beach pollution. And here, tourism and fishing are the biggest culprits, contributing most of the plastic ----2 on beaches, according to a study by the National Centre of Coastal Research (NCCR). The NCCR conducted a qualitative analysis of the litter on six different beaches on the eastern and western ----3.

It found that plastic litter from tourism alone ----4 for 40%-96% of all beach litter. At Chennai's Elliot's Beach, for instance, plastics left by tourists were 40% of all the litter, while at Gopalpur in Odisha, it was as ----5 as 96%. As for the other four beaches, plastics ----6 66% of the overall litter on Fort Kochi Beach, 60% at Karnataka's Karwar beach, 87% at Visakhapatnam's R.K. Beach, and 81% at Andaman Island's Rangachang beach.

After ----7, fishing was the next biggest source of litter. While fishing nets were a major contributor, the ----8 of fish on the beach also produced a lot of litter. At Fort Kochi, fishing litter accounted for 22% of the total, followed by Elliot's Beach at 15%, and Karwar beach at 10%. The study looked at tonnes of litter across these six beaches on September 15, 2018, the International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Speaking to The Hindu, M.V. Ramana Murthy, Director, NCCR, said India needed a national marine litter policy to ----9 and manage waste on land and prevent its entry into the ----10 environment.

1. 1. charges 2. issue 3. pollutant
4. worries 5. control

2. 1. wastage 2. litter 3. material
4. pollution 5. control
3. 1. ghat 2. part 3. India
4. coral 5. coasts
4. 1. accounted 2. Responsible 3. called
4. caused 5. reason
5. 1. normal 2. troublesome 3. Close
4. high 5. problematic
6. 1. made 2. consisting 3. formed
4. formation 5. article
7. 1. coastal 2. beaches 3. pollution
4. tourism 5. litter
8. 1. cooking 2. catching 3. hybrid
4. pollination 5. processing
9. 1. curb 2. Controlling 3. Recycling
4. amend 5. fetter
10. 1. geographical 2. Beach 3. Social
4. Marine 5. Polluted
11. Gone are the days where people would demand a CBI probe into any crime or scam involving influential persons.
12. In November, the governments of Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal withdrew 'general consent' to the CBI to register fresh cases in its purview.
13. It's rightly being pointed out that India has to be prepared for the consequences of the withdrawing of U.S. troops from Afghanistan.
14. The Second World War left behind many problems inheritance from history, at least in Asia in respect of multiple disputed territories.
15. You must have seen how country's first woman Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman explained a critical subject like defence using her skill and competence.
16. The current scheme is facing a severe fund crunch as 99% of money allocated has already exhausted three months ago.

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