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Questions [47 marks]

1. Rewrite the following sentence in formal register: "Yo, the ocean is gonna be totally messed up if we chuck plastic everywhere." **(2)**

2. Identify whether the register in the sentence below is formal or informal, and give ONE reason for your answer: "Liezel reckons that we should just stop using plastic bags at the shops." **(2)**

3. In the sentence "Marine animals die; plastic pollution is the cause," explain the effect of the semicolon on the reader's understanding. **(2)**

4. Add an appropriate transition word to improve coherence in the following paragraph: "Coastal ecosystems in the Western Cape are suffering. _____ plastic waste enters the ocean daily, destroying habitats." **(1)**

5. Correct ALL errors in the following sentence: "Tinyiko and Rohan visited the beach in sea point yesterday and they seen rubbish floating in the water." **(3)**

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6. Rewrite the sentence in formal register: "Plastic bags are literally killing sea creatures, and it's super unfair." **(2)**

7. Which option uses a semicolon correctly? (a) The dolphin was injured; from plastic netting. (b) Priya studies marine biology; she is passionate about ocean conservation. (c) Plastic pollution is widespread; but solutions exist. (d) Dylan threw rubbish away; because he cared. **(1)**

8. Add TWO transition words to create coherence in this paragraph: "Plastic straws cause harm to turtles. _____, many South African beaches are covered in waste. _____, action must be taken immediately." **(2)**

9. Identify the register (formal/informal) used in this sentence and rewrite it formally: "The conservation dude says that we're basically gonna lose all our fish if everyone keeps littering." **(3)**

10. Correct the error in reported speech: Mbuso told Samantha that "you must reduce your plastic use or the oceans will die." **(2)**

11. In the sentence "Coastal pollution is devastating: it destroys ecosystems, harms wildlife, and contaminates water," explain why the colon is used and what effect it has. **(3)**

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12. Rewrite the following compound-complex sentence with improved formal register and coherence: "Katlego went to Khayelitsha beach and he seen that there was like heaps of plastic everywhere, so he got really upset and he decided that he would pick some up, but it was too much." **(4)**

13. Add appropriate transition words to improve the coherence of this paragraph about plastic pollution. Insert them in the blanks: "Single-use plastics are convenient. _____, they persist in the environment for centuries. _____, governments worldwide are implementing bans. _____, South Africa must accelerate its action." **(3)**

14. Correct ALL errors and rewrite the following passage in formal register: "Marco and Tiago done a project on how plastic waste affect the ocean ecosystems. They found that fishes are choking on plastic and seabirds is getting tangled in nets. Their findings was really important." **(5)**

15. The sentence "Nuraan argued that plastic bans are essential; however, implementation remains challenging" uses a semicolon with a transition word. Explain the grammatical purpose of both punctuation marks and what they signal to the reader. **(3)**

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16. Rewrite the following informal transactional request in formal register: "Hey Aisha, can u pls help me write a letter 2 the municipality bout the rubbish on our beach? We gotta get them 2 do something bout it." **(4)**

17. Write a formal transactional sentence requesting action from the City of Cape Town regarding plastic pollution at Clifton Beach. Your sentence must include: (a) formal register, (b) one semicolon or colon, (c) one transition word, and (d) clear purpose. **(5)**

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