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QUESTION 1 LANGUAGE PRACTICE [46 marks]

1. Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice: "Priya and Aryan collected plastic waste from the Sea Point beach." **(2)**

2. Identify the type of conditional sentence: "If Sipho had known about the coastal pollution, he would have joined the cleanup campaign." **(1)**

3. Complete the Type 3 conditional: "If Nomsa _____ (understand) the impact of microplastics, she _____ (volunteer) at the Khayelitsha marine project." **(2)**

4. In the sentence "Lerato spoke passionately about ocean conservation, using vivid imagery, compelling statistics, and personal testimony," identify the rhetoric device being used. **(2)**

5. Identify and explain the dangling participle in this sentence: "Having researched plastic pollution extensively, the documentary about South African coastal ecosystems was compelling." **(3)**

6. The environmental activist wrote: "Plastic chokes our waters. Plastic poisons our fish. Plastic destroys our future." Name the rhetoric device and explain its effect. **(3)**

7. Rewrite this awkwardly constructed sentence for clarity and style: "The beaches of the Western Cape, which are visited by many tourists, are negatively impacted by the plastic pollution that comes from both land and sea sources." **(3)**

8. In formal environmental writing, complete the subjunctive form: "It is essential that every student _____ (participate) in coastal cleanup initiatives." **(1)**

9. Examine this sentence: "Would we continue ignoring the crisis if we truly understood its severity?" What is this device called, and how does it persuade the reader? **(3)**

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10. Rewrite the following sentence using a complex passive construction with perfect tense: "Scientists have discovered that microplastics have contaminated 87% of South African marine species." **(4)**

11. Why did the author choose the word "chokes" rather than "affects" in the sentence: "Plastic chokes marine ecosystems"? Explain the effect on the reader. **(4)**

12. Identify all grammar and stylistic errors in this paragraph, then rewrite it for coherence: "Johannesburg is far from the ocean, but plastic pollution still effect the water systems. Having conducted research on this issue, the problem became clear to Kagiso and Tinyiko. They was shocked about what they learned, and decided that they should of taken action sooner." **(5)**

13. Analyse the antithesis in this sentence: "While wealthy coastal towns build barriers against the rising tide of waste, township communities like those in Soweto bear the invisible burden of industrial runoff." What is the author arguing? **(5)**

14. A student wrote: "Liezel's report on plastic pollution in Chatsworth was well-researched, comprehensive, and it showed good critical thinking." Rewrite this sentence to improve parallel structure. **(3)**

15. Write a Type 3 conditional sentence about an environmental decision that could have been made differently in South Africa. Then explain how this structure helps express regret or critique. **(5)**

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