

Strand	Reading and viewing
Sub Strand	Apply a range of strategies to identify main ideas and use contextual clues to make meaning of texts.
Content Learning Outcome	Read and view with understanding a variety of texts and visuals to identify and interpret useful information available.

### Comprehension Passage

#### Plastic Pollution Control

The decrease in number has shown the positive impact of the plastic bag levy on consumer behaviour in Fiji. The island nation used approximately 70 million plastic bags in 2010. Since the introduction of the new levy in August 2017, this number has dropped by almost half.

- 5 Just over a year ago, the Government of Fiji introduced a 10 cent plastic bag levy to phase-out plastic bags by 2025. This move by the Fijian Government aims to address the impacts caused by plastic on our ocean. Eight million tonnes of plastic enters the ocean each year and it is estimated that by 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in our ocean.
- 10 The plastic issue is now a food security issue. A study on fish ingestion showed that 97% of all fish species sampled had micro-plastics. This is very concerning for the Pacific where fish is the main source for protein, and where fish consumption is at least approximately three or four times higher than the global average.
- 15 Information such as this has propelled Fiji to make a difference.

#### Activities

*Read the above passage and choose the best answer.*

1. According to paragraph 1 of the passage, the positive impact of the plastic bag levy is  
 A. the use of 70 million plastic bags.                      B. the consumer behaviour is now worse.  
 C. consumers are using fewer plastic bags.            D. consumers are using more plastic bags.
2. The plastic bag levy was introduced in .....
- A. 2010                      B. 2017                      C. 2025                      D. 2050
3. Why is plastic use a food security issue?  
 A. The fish need the plastic for proteins.  
 B. The fish depend on the plastic for food.  
 C. 97% of the fish have turned into plastic.  
 D. Plastics affect the fish in the form of micro-plastics.
4. The second reason plastic use in the Pacific is a great concern is that  
 A. people will be consuming more plastic affected fish.  
 B. eating more fish will mean getting rid of plastic.  
 C. increased fish number equals increased protein.  
 D. due to dietary needs, people will consume more plastic affected fish.