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LESSON NOTES

**School:** Penang Sangam High School

**Year/Level:** 10

**Subject:** English

**Week:** 22

<b>STRAND</b>	<b>Writing and Shaping</b>
<b>SUB STRAND</b>	<b>Media, everyday communication and literary text</b>
<b>CONTENT LEARNING OUTCOME</b>	<b>Read, respond and evaluate critically a variety of media text</b>

**COMPREHENSION**

**Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The Pacific Ocean has provided for the people of the islands region, since the islands were first settled perhaps 100,000 years ago.

5 It is obvious that the limited land mass of our islands and the absence of terrestrial resources to support growing populations mean that the lives and livelihood of Pacific Island people have been dominated by the sea.

**The sea is entwined** in the lives of Pacific Island people.

Moreover the social, cultural and economic prosperity of the Pacific Islands region has been and will continue to be, directly dependent upon the health of coral reefs and related ecosystems.

10 It remains though, that human activities are the primary causes of destruction for coral reefs and associated coastal habitat. Most of **these** pose chronic threats. Environment conditions resulting primarily from human population growth, water pollution, land based activities and direct physical damage are causing reefs and related ecosystems to deteriorate  
15 alarmingly.

At present, due to lack of finance, inappropriate technology and lack of research investment, deep-sea minerals remain untapped. The South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission believes that the size of this resource for many of our islands' countries and territories is significant.

20 Already many valuable compounds extracted from sea life are being utilized in medical and bio-technology fields but the potential remains relatively untapped.

25 Appropriate tourism also offers significant potential for the region. The long-term capacity of the Pacific Ocean to support the benefits it provides to the global and regional communities is by no means secure. Today, most Pacific urban areas are experiencing high population growth with the result that our islands' population are doubling in less than 20 years. However, we are still a long way from understanding the very ocean processes we depend on.

30 What is clearly understood now is this : Management processes need to be improved and given priority in order to stop the continuation of habitat degradation, otherwise the future generation of Pacific Islanders will inherit severely degraded marine environments.

## Questions

*Circle the letter of the best answer.*

1. According to the passage, the Pacific Ocean has provided for the people of the region for about
  - A. 1,000 years
  - B. 10,000 years
  - C. 100,000 years
  - D. 1,000,000 years
2. The phrase, '**the sea is entwined**' (line 6) suggests that
  - A. the sea is closely linked to the lives of the Pacific people.
  - B. the sea is entangled with the lives of the Pacific people.
  - C. the sea is wound around the lives of the Pacific people.
  - D. the sea is dominated by the Pacific people.
3. The prosperity of the Pacific Islands region is dependent on
  - A. the increase in population.
  - B. the richness in culture.
  - C. the health of the people.
  - D. the health of coral reefs.
4. The word '**these**' in line 11 refers to
  - A. coral reefs
  - B. human activities.
  - C. ecosystems.
  - D. environment conditions.
5. A significant amount of deep sea minerals remain untapped due to
  - A. lack of interest.
  - B. lack of resources.
  - C. unhealthy coral reefs.
  - D. the vastness of area to be covered.
6. The medical and bio-technology fields have utilised
  - A. valuable coastal resources.
  - B. valuable compounds extracted from urban areas.
  - C. valuable compounds extracted from sea life.
  - D. valuable environmental resources.
7. The benefits which the Pacific Ocean will provide the global and regional communities in the yearsto come is
  - A. significant.
  - B. insecure.
  - C. guaranteed.
  - D. sustainable.
8. According to paragraph 6, the industry that offers some significant potentials is the
  - A. building industry.
  - B. sugar industry.
  - C. fishing industry.
  - D. tourism industry.
9. The main point of paragraph 7 is that
  - A. all the marine and coastal resources should be used.
  - B. our marine and coastal resources should be managed well.
  - C. degraded marine and coastal resources should be inherited.
  - D. the pollution of coastal resources should be promoted.
10. The main aim of the passage is to
  - A. entertain.
  - B. investigate.
  - C. inform.
  - D. persuade.