

Clean water is a right

Q0/C

At the beginning of paragraph 2 we are told that at the General Assembly, “*UN Member States and international organisations*” were asked to “*scale up*”, in other words to increase, the “*funding, technology and other resources*” they offer. The final part of the sentence lists specific objectives for doing that, namely to “*provide clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for everyone*”. Therefore the missing information which comes before that should be a broader, general statement, stating the overall goal.

Therefore the correct answer is **C (to help poorer countries)**.

Q1/I

The first sentence of paragraph 4 gives two examples from the Assembly resolution. A resolution is something which expresses an opinion or intention. The first example is incomplete, but the second example is complete. It states that “*a total of more than 2.6 billion people do not have access to basic sanitation*”. This helps us to deduce that the missing information in the first example also refers to a number of people.

Therefore the correct answer is **I (an estimated 884 million people)**.

Q2/E

In paragraph 5 we are told that the resolution also contains a “*request*” from the “*UN Human Right’s Council*”. We know that this request is to “*Catarina de Albuquerque*” who is “*the UN independent expert on the issue of human rights obligation related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation*”. What was requested is found at the beginning of paragraph 6. Here we are told that her “*report will focus on...*”. From this we understand that she was requested to make a “*report*”.

Therefore the correct answer is **E (report annually to the General Assembly as well)**.

Q3/A

In paragraph 6 the first of two “*principal challenges*” is identified as “*achieving the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation*”. The second we know concerns “*the relevant Millenium Development Goals*”. It is probable that a “*report*” on “*goals*” will talk about whether or not the goals have been achieved and /or the level of achievement. Given the options available “*progress towards*” those “*goals*” would fit this context.

Therefore the correct answer is **A (as well as on progress towards)**.

Q4/G

Paragraph 7 begins by explaining that the MDGs are “a series of targets for reducing social and economic ills”. Another word for “ills” would be problems. It goes on to talk about two of these targets. To complete the first target, which begins “halving the proportion of people who..”, the answer needs to identify the problem. The second target serves as an example. It begins, “halving the number [of people] who” and continues “do not have sanitation”.

Therefore the correct answer is **G (cannot reach or afford safe drinking water)**.

Q5/B

Paragraph 8 tells us that Ms de Albuquerque made an “official visit to Japan”. As it is an “official visit” we know that it is connected to her role as “the UN independent expert on the issue of human rights obligation related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation”. We are also told that she “issued a statement” after the visit, in which she “praised the country”. In other words, she made positive comments. The text provides two examples. First she mentions the “nearly universal access to water and sanitation” which Japan provides. To complete the second example, however, we need to identify how or what the country did “to promote hygiene and treat water”

Therefore the correct answer is **B (use of innovative technologies)**.

Q6/F

The use of “But” at the beginning of paragraph 9 signals that the Independent Expert is about to say something negative or in contrast to what has already been said. Indeed, she refers to the “Utoro community near Kyoto” who “do not have access to water from the public network”. Therefore the missing information, which is introduced by the subject “she”, expresses her reaction to this undesirable situation.

Therefore the correct answer is **F (was shocked that some members)**.

Q7/H

In the second sentence of paragraph 10, Ms de Albuquerque talks about what happens “When floods occur”. In her analysis of the situation, she explains that “the lack of sewage treatment and proper evacuation of grey water” can eventually lead to “serious health concerns”. We must identify the missing information which links the two. It must originate from the “lack of sewage treatment” and be the cause of “the serious health concerns”.

Therefore the correct answer is **H (result in contamination of the environment)**.