

Environmentalists, though, are not entirely convinced. They think that BP is stressing the problem of banning plastic for its own interest. "While it's true that it takes less energy to produce and transport plastic than glass, a glass bottle can be reused dozens of times and is recyclable. Plus, materials like glass when they escape collection don't go on polluting our oceans and rivers for hundreds of years," said Louise Edge, from Greenpeace UK.

Steps to encourage recycling are being taken. The UK, for example, will introduce a new tax on the manufacture and import of plastic packaging in 2022. There are also lots of developments taking place with alternative materials. These may be the final defense against the unintended consequences of plastic bans.

52. What is astonishing about BP's annual report?
- Cutting back on plastic use may bring more problems.
  - Cutting back on plastic use may affect product quality.
  - BP has earned a lot of money by selling plastic products.
  - BP has become one of the world's biggest oil companies.
53. Which of the following could be banned worldwide by 2040?
- Recyclable glass bottles.
  - Second-hand cotton bags.
  - Reusable paper bags.
  - Single-use plastic bags.
54. According to environmentalists, what causes BP to oppose banning plastics?
- Its concern about the environment.
  - Its consideration of its own interest.
  - Its worry about the loss of consumers.
  - Its desire to influence world economy.
55. What measure is being taken by the UK to cut back on the use of plastics?
- Taxing on the use of plastic bags.
  - Forbidding the import of plastic bags.
  - Banning the manufacture of plastic bags.
  - Developing alternative materials to plastic.

**V. Daily Conversation (15 points)**

**Directions:** Pick out appropriate expressions from the eight choices below and complete the following dialogues by blackening the corresponding letter on the Answer Sheet.

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| A. No problem!                              | B. You are welcome.             |
| C. What can I do for you?                   | D. How about your presentation? |
| E. He needs it for tomorrow's presentation. | F. I think so.                  |
| G. Where are you heading?                   | H. No, thanks!                  |

Alice: Hi, Sam! It's nice to see you here.

Sam: Hi, Alice!

Alice: 56

Sam: To my dorm.

Alice: Great! Could you take this book to Peter?

Sam: 57 Does Peter know what it is for?

Alice: Yes. 58

Sam: 59 Are you well prepared for it?

Alice: 60 See you tomorrow!

Sam: See you!