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Special Question – English Language

English

**Direction 1 – 5 : Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

The underwater world is a vast, unexplored frontier that remains largely mysterious to us. Despite the fact that oceans cover more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface, we have only explored a small fraction of the depths below. The term 'underwater' itself has become synonymous with mystery and **intrigue**, conjuring up images of strange and fantastical creatures, hidden treasures, and **uncharted** territories. One reason for the (A)/ relative lack of exploration at the (B)/ underwater world is the immense (C)/ challenges that it poses from us. (D)/ The ocean depths are dark, cold, and pressurized, making it difficult for humans to survive and navigate in such an environment. In addition, the sheer scale of the ocean floor, with its underwater mountain ranges, deep-sea trenches, and vast expanses of open water, -----.

Despite these challenges, there have been some remarkable discoveries made in the underwater world in recent years. Advances in technology, such as remotely operated vehicles and autonomous underwater vehicles, have enabled us to explore deeper and further than ever before. In the process, we have uncovered previously unknown ecosystems, species, and geological features, giving us a greater understanding of the diversity and complexity of life on Earth. One of the most fascinating aspects of the underwater world is the creatures that inhabit it. From bioluminescent jellyfish and glowing anglerfish to giant squid and humpback whales, the diversity of life in the ocean is truly awe-inspiring. Some species have adapted to the extreme conditions of the deep sea, such as the **abyssal** gigantism of deep-sea creatures, which can grow to enormous sizes due to the low temperatures and high pressure of their environment.

In addition to the natural wonders of the underwater world, there are also numerous man-made structures and artifacts to be discovered. Sunken ships, lost cities, and ancient ruins all lie hidden beneath the waves, waiting to be explored and studied. These underwater archaeological sites offer a **glimpse** into the history of human civilization, and can provide important insights into the ways in which our ancestors lived and interacted with the world around them.

**Q:1** Which of the following is an antonym of the

highlighted word 'uncharted'?

1. Unfamiliar
2. Explored
3. Undiscovered
4. Mysterious
5. Boundless

**Q:2** One reason for the (A)/ relative lack of exploration at the (B)/ underwater world is the immense (C)/ challenges that it poses from us. (D)/

1. Only B
2. Only A
3. Both B and D
4. Only D
5. Both A and B

**Q:3** Which of the following is a synonym of the highlighted word 'intrigue'?

1. Bore
2. Pierce
3. Fascinate
4. Bother
5. Exhaust

**Q:4** Which of the following is a synonym of the highlighted word 'abyssal'?

1. Submerged
2. Subterranean
3. Oceanic
4. Sunken
5. Unfathomable

**Q:5** In addition, the sheer scale of the ocean floor, with its underwater mountain ranges, deep-sea trenches, and vast expanses of open water, -----.

1. Offers endless possibilities for exploration
2. Provides a rich ecosystem for marine life
3. Conceals many mysteries waiting to be uncovered
4. Is a playground for divers and adventurers
5. Makes it a daunting challenge for explorers and scientists alike



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### Answer Key

1. (2) 2. (3) 3. (3) 4. (5) 5. (5)

### Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. explored.**

While options 1, 3, 4, and 5 are related to the concept of uncharted, they are not antonyms of the word.

'Unfamiliar' means not known or recognized, 'undiscovered' means not yet found or seen, 'mysterious' means difficult or impossible to understand or explain, and 'unknown' means not known or familiar.

Only '**explored**' is the antonym of 'uncharted', meaning a place or territory that has been mapped or surveyed, and thus, '**explored**' is the correct answer.

**Q:2** The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. Both B and D.**

Error in Part B: The preposition 'at' is not appropriate to use with the phrase 'underwater world'. Instead, we use the preposition 'of' to show that something is a part of a larger whole. Therefore, the correct preposition in this context is 'of'. Hence, the error is in part B of the given sentence.

Error in Part D: The error in part D is in the phrase 'challenges that it poses from us.' The preposition 'from' indicates that the challenges are coming from us, which is not the intended meaning of the sentence. Instead, the correct preposition in this context is 'to' which indicates that the challenges are being posed to us. Therefore, the correct phrase in part D should be 'challenges that it poses to us'.

The corrected sentence is:

One reason for the (A)/ relative lack of exploration of the (B)/ underwater world is the immense (C)/ challenges that it poses to us. (D)/

**Q:3** The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. fascinate.**

Both words refer to capturing someone's interest or curiosity in something. 'Intrigue' often refers to a sense of mystery or suspicion surrounding the thing that is fascinating someone, whereas 'fascinate' can simply mean to attract or hold someone's attention through a variety of means,

such as being interesting, unusual, or appealing. However, in many cases, the two words can be used interchangeably to convey the idea of capturing someone's attention in a positive or interesting way.

**Q:4** The correct answer is **option 5, 'Unfathomable'**

The word 'abyssal' typically refers to the depths of the ocean or a place that is extremely deep or bottomless.

Submerged: This word means to be covered with water or to sink below the surface, but it doesn't specifically relate to the depth of the ocean. Therefore, it is not a suitable synonym for 'abyssal.'

Subterranean: This word refers to something underground or below the surface of the earth, which is not the same as the ocean. Therefore, it is not a suitable synonym for 'abyssal.'

Unfathomable: This word means '**impossible to understand or comprehend**', but it can also be used to describe something that is **very deep or bottomless**, which is similar to the meaning of 'abyssal.' Therefore, it can be considered a suitable synonym for 'abyssal.'

Oceanic: This word refers to the ocean, but it doesn't necessarily describe the depth. Therefore, it is not a suitable synonym for 'abyssal.'

Sunken: This word refers to something that has sunk below the surface of the water, but it doesn't necessarily relate to the depth of the ocean either. Therefore, it is not a suitable synonym for 'abyssal.'

In conclusion, '**unfathomable**' is the most appropriate synonym for 'abyssal' among these options.

**Q:5** The correct answer is **option 5, 'Makes it a daunting challenge for explorers and scientists alike.'**

The sentence talks about the ocean floor's challenges to exploration and scientific study. Options 1, 2, 3, and 4 all present positive or neutral possibilities for exploration, whereas option 5 acknowledges the difficulties and challenges of exploring the ocean floor. The words 'daunting challenge' emphasize the scale and complexity of the underwater world and convey the difficulty of exploring it.

Therefore, option 5 is the correct answer to fill the blank.