

Like other commodities, China is a major market for exporters of recycled goods. According to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, China (1)---- over half of the world's total imports of recovered paper and fiber, plastic scrap, and copper scrap. The downside of this trade is that recycled goods are often dirty, poorly sorted or contaminated with hazardous materials. *The Economist* (2)---- the Chinese government began facing public pressure (3)---- a documentary showing workers dismantling discarded electronic devices and dumping the toxic remains (4)---- a river. The film "*Plastic China*" exposed the environmental damage (5)---- by the country's plastic-recycling industry, which is dominated by thousands of small-scale outfits that often lack proper pollution controls.

(6)---- the oil industry has certainly looked bleak the last few years, (7)---- environmentalists gladly predicting the end of it, recently the industry (8)---- a corner with a substantial revival, putting the doubters on the wrong side of the trade. Earlier this month, oil pushed past \$70 a barrel for the first time in three years. The US is exporting record amounts of oil following the lifting of the export ban in 2015, and exploration is back, (9)---- the new government's pro-oil agenda. The shale oil revolution that changed the US's (10)---- to compete with the world's top energy producers continues unabated, putting the US for the first time in a position to challenge Russia, the top oil producer, for global energy dominance.

- 1) a) accounts for b) overcomes
c) refrains from d) costs
e) exploits

- 6) a) Despite b) Due to
c) Since d) While
e) However

- 2) a) had noted b) may have noted
c) notes d) will note
e) should note

- 7) a) with b) such as
c) similar to d) so that
e) upon

- 3) a) in spite of b) so far as
c) not until d) irrespective of
e) following

- 8) a) was turned b) has turned
c) will be turning d) had turned
e) was turning

- 4) a) into b) out of
c) beyond d) across
e) beneath

- 9) a) instead of b) as opposed to
c) consequently d) regardless of
e) thanks to

- 5) a) to have caused b) caused
c) to be caused d) causing
e) having caused

- 10) a) reluctance b) insistence
c) ability d) expectation
e) predictability

Although Antarctica may be relatively untouched, it is not (11)---- free from environmental harm. More and more scientists and tourists visit the region every year, and there are key gaps in the regulations that govern activities on the continent and in its surrounding waters. Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC) believes that all activities in the Antarctic (12)---- according to the strictest possible environmental standards. It also monitors activities to ensure that they (13)---- in a way that preserves and protects the Antarctic environment. The Russian plan to drill into the subglacial Lake Vostok is a good example. Scientists are understandably intrigued by subglacial lakes and any life forms that may be able to survive in them. (14)----, these environments are vulnerable to contamination and disturbance, (15)---- away under ice for thousands of years. Thus, ASOC has been urging Russia to abide by international scientific guidelines for the exploration of subglacial lakes.

There are several aspects to the problem of antibiotic resistance. It is very important to have highly specific targets, which kill the particular bacterium that is causing the disease (16)---- using a spectrum of antibiotics that should only be used as a last resort when you do not know what the disease is caused by and you do not have time. But there is a larger problem—the problem of resistance is also (17)---- an abuse of antibiotics. Many people will go to a doctor and demand an antibiotic when they have a cold or a flu, (18)---- these antibacterial compounds are useless. In many countries it is possible to buy antibiotics over the counter. Often, if people are poor, they will not take the full dose—all of that (19)---- resistance. Moreover, in countries like India people will give you antibiotics prophylactically, (20)---- a way to prevent infection. This should only be done in very extreme cases because it too is spreading resistance.

- 11) a) commonly b) barely
 c) discriminately d) solely
 e) necessarily

- 16) a) in spite of b) similar to
 c) for fear of d) on account of
 e) rather than

- 12) a) have conducted
 b) should be conducted
 c) were conducted
 d) will have been conducted
 e) could have been conducted

- 17) a) due to b) in contrast to
 c) apart from d) instead of
 e) opposed to

- 13) a) are carried out
 b) were carried out
 c) might be carried out
 d) had carried out
 e) will carry out

- 18) a) through which b) that
 c) for which d) which
 e) whose

- 14) a) Instead b) Therefore
 c) That is why d) Nonetheless
 e) On the contrary

- 19) a) injects b) accumulates
 c) stems from d) leads to
 e) results

- 15) a) having locked
 b) having been locked
 c) to be locked
 d) to have been locked
 e) by locking

- 20) a) such b) as
 c) rather d) for
 e) upon

