

Reading comprehension

Read the article and choose the correct option.

- 1 What happened to the Aral Sea over the period of the news stories?**
 - a It dried up more.
 - b It filled up more.
 - c The water level didn't change.
- 2 Which of these things are NOT mentioned as having an effect on the Aral Sea water level?**
 - a fishing
 - b irrigation
 - c the dam
- 3 How many areas of the Aral Sea are mentioned?**
 - a two
 - b three
 - c four

Read the article again and choose the correct option.

- 4 Which term describes the first news story?**
 - a negative
 - b optimistic
 - c pessimistic
- 5 According to the first news story, what happened after the building of the dam?**
 - a The Aral Sea returned to its former size.
 - b There was more water available for irrigation.
 - c There were more fish in the northern part of the Aral Sea.

6 According to the second news story,

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- a the Aral Sea has shrunk into ten small lakes.
- b the eastern part of the Aral Sea has never been dry before.
- c the water in the Aral Sea comes from rivers.

7 According to the second news story,

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- a about 40,000 fishermen used to fish in the Aral Sea.
- b most of the fish people in the Soviet Union ate came from the Aral Sea.
- c the Aral Sea used to provide food and jobs.

8 According to the third news story, the southern Aral Sea now produces ... instead of fish.

- a oil
- b salt
- c sand

9 According to the information in the third news story, what can you assume is true?

- a It's too dangerous to swim in the Aral Sea.
- b Only saltwater fish live in the Aral Sea.
- c The Aral Sea is saltier than the Pacific Ocean.

10 According to the third news story, what is Kamalov's view of the Aral Sea's future?

- a negative
- b neutral
- c positive