

Poppy is reading a book introduction about the Ganges River.

## Introduction



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The state of the water at the Ganges River, India, is now full of chemicals and bacteria. The World Health Organisation said that the water there is 3000 times over the safe limit. Despite this, more than 420 million people still rely on

the river for food, water and farming. Moreover, tens of millions of people visit the river each year to bathe and worship.

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Why is the water so dirty? Around 1 billion litres of waste water and rubbish are dumped into the river every day. The mild laws make it easy for people to do these activities. Also, many believe the water is holy. Therefore, they put cremated bodies into the river as a religious practice after people died. Although the serious pollution leads to

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skin problems and children's death, people lack the knowledge to protect the environment. Many of them still believe the river brings only hope and luck but not illnesses.

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This book will tell you about Indian local **practices**, culture, religions and traditions to help you understand why the problem exists and how humans should solve it.

Find out what is also happening in Ghana, Egypt, Bangladesh and China by reading the whole *World Pollution Problems* series.



1. Underline what the book is about.

2. Circle the correct answer.

Where can you see this page in a book?

(a) beginning

(b) end

(c) front cover

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**A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.**

1. What can you **NOT** see along the Ganges River?



A.



B.



C.



D.



2. Read line 18. The word 'practices' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. trainings

B. customs

C. business

D. performance

3. Why is the Ganges River heavily polluted?

I. A lot of rubbish is dumped into the river.

II. The local law is not strict enough.

III. People handle the dead bodies in the river.

IV. The locals do not know how to keep the river clean.

A. I and II

B. II and III

C. III and IV

D. all of the above



Some words have more than one meaning. Read the whole sentence carefully to understand what the writer tells.

**B Answer the questions in complete sentences.**

4. How do most of the Indians think about the Ganges River?

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5. How many books are there in the *World Pollution Problems* series?

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**C Complete Poppy's post in an online forum with the words from the text. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.**

People ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (v.) their God and have their daily activities in the Ganges River. However, the water pollution there is very ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.). I think the government should educate the people how to ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (v.) the river and keep it clean.

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