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**Directions:** Read the article "A Battle Over Bags." Then answer the questions below.

1. Which of the following points does the author make in this article?

- A. No one wants to stop using plastic bags.
- B. Almost every U.S. state has banned the use of plastic bags.
- C. Every state should make recycling plastic bags a law.
- D. U.S. cities and states aren't the only places in the world trying to stop the problems caused by plastic bags.

2. Which sentence from the article best supports the answer to question 1?

- A. For now, people who live in places where plastic bags have been banned are learning to get along without them. (*paragraph 13*)
- B. At least six countries, including China and Italy, have banned them. (*paragraph 8*)
- C. A growing number of places in the United States have implemented bans on plastic shopping bags. (*paragraph 4*)
- D. In addition, billions of the bags are recycled each year. (*paragraph 10*)

3. What does the word *detrimental* mean as it is used in paragraph 9?

- A. Helpful
- B. Harmful
- C. Costly
- D. Important

4. Which sentence from the article best supports the answer to question 3?

- A. "The paper bags aren't as sturdy as the plastic ones." (*paragraph 2*)
- B. Many people, however, think plastic bags are getting a bad rap. (*paragraph 10*)
- C. Once in the water, the bags pose a threat to marine animals. (*paragraph 7*)
- D. Rozenski argues that plastic-bag bans may also end up costing many Americans their jobs. (*paragraph 11*)

5. How does the section "Bag the Ban?" contribute to the development of ideas in the article?

- A. It makes comparisons between plastic bags and paper bags.
- B. It describes the effects of plastic bags on the environment.
- C. It presents the point of view of those who think banning plastic bags is not necessary.
- D. It summarizes the reasons people want to ban plastic bags.



