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A Case Study on Pollution Answer Key

1. **Water pollution** (plastics in the ocean) and **land pollution** (garbage on beaches).
2. Sea turtles (tangled in nets) and seabirds (swallowing plastic).
3. Tourism declined and the fishing industry suffered because habitats were damaged and fewer fish were available.
4. People threw trash directly into rivers, and poor garbage collection contributed to the problem.
5. Possible solutions:
 - Improve garbage collection and recycling programs.
 - Educate citizens about proper waste disposal.
 - Ban or reduce single-use plastics.
 - Organize community beach cleanups.
6. Reflection (sample): Pollution affects everyone, so both citizens and government must work together. Leaders can make and enforce rules, while residents can change daily habits. When both sides cooperate, solutions are stronger and more effective.