

Australian Cultured Pearls

Question 1: Other than pearling, what other industry is important to Broome?

- a) boat building
- b) oysters
- c) plastic buttons
- d) beef cattle

Question 2: What almost ruined Broome's chances of survival?

- a) shell cleaning
- b) plastic buttons
- c) pearl farming
- d) the beef industry

Question 3: Pearls are unusual in that they are 'o) spherical in shape.

- a) likely to fade over time.
- b) collected by hand from the ocean floor.
- c) the only 'gemstone' produced by a living organism.

Question 4: Oysters for pearl production (o) come from the sea.

- a) are bred on farms.
- b) are imported into Broome.
- c) are harvested by machine.

Question 5: The passage describes the button as being 'lowly'. What does 'lowly' mean in the text?

- a) small and of little use
- b) produced by labourers
- c) ordinary and taken for granted
- d) from deep water

Question 6: An appropriate alternative title for the passage would be

- a) Gemstones.
- b) Profit from pure pearls.
- c) The diving industry.
- d) Wooden luggers and hard hats.