Gap-Filling Exercise: **Clauses of Reason and Result**

Complete the text below by filling in the blanks with the correct *conjunctions:*

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**\*because of\***

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Baby turtles often take the wrong way to the sea \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1) artificial lights near the beach which often confuse them. Many people disturb their natural habitats \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) they walk carelessly on the nesting grounds. Hotels are built on beaches, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3) animals lose their homes. Moreover, industrial waste is dumped into rivers and seas, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4) fish die and water becomes polluted. Smog covers the sky in many cities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5) factories and cars release harmful gases. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(6) people suffer from headaches, **to a greater extent** nowadays. Trees grow more slowly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7) acid rain damages the soil. Humans destroy natural environments and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(8) many animals become extinct. These problems highlight the urgent need for environmental protection.

