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Section 1 Comprehension I 14%

Read it and then answer the questions.

SOON TO BE GONE FOREVER

There are only around two thousand giant pandas left on the earth. This is a striking fact, and one which worries many people who do not want to see the panda become extinct and never be seen again. Indeed, preserving animal species which are at risk of becoming extinct has become more and more of a popular activity over the last few decades, and today many international organisations and charities are set up for this very purpose. Millions of people choose to donate money to these organisations in order to help certain species survive.

Why do they do this? There are several factors, but one of the most powerful is perhaps the feeling that by letting these animals become extinct we are losing something beautiful. We might think of the giant panda again, the polar bear, or the Bengal tiger, and indeed these famous and beautiful animals have come to represent the whole cause of animal conservation. But there is also the fact that many of these animals are close to becoming extinct because of human actions. For example, wild elephants are often hunted and killed for their tusks, which can then be sold for huge amounts of money (this is illegal in most countries). Many people want to stop the cruelty of the methods for hunting **them** and other animals, adding another element beyond simply ensuring that the animals don't disappear forever.

But there are those who argue that animals becoming extinct is just a natural part of life, and that it is *un*natural for us to try and stop it. Some also say that people often want to donate money to protect beautiful creatures such as the giant panda, but are unlikely to donate money to preserve less beautiful and less famous species, such as the Australian blobfish.

There is a big difference between wanting to stop cruelty to animals and wanting to preserve them, but often these two things are often linked in the issue of animal conservation. It is up to the individual to decide what they think about the problem, but one thing is clear: once these animals are extinct, they can never come back.

1. How many giant pandas are left on the earth? (2%)
   There are around two thousand giant pandas left on the earth.
2. One of the reasons for people donating to conservation charities is to stop us losing something beautiful. What is the other reason given in the article? (2%)
   The other reason is to stop cruelty to animals.

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3. What does "them" in paragraph 2 refer to? (2%)
   "Them" refers to wild elephants.
4. What animal is mentioned most in the article? (2%)
   The giant panda is mentioned most in the article.
5. What animal is used as an example of a less popular endangered species? (2%)
   The Australian blobfish is used as an example of a less popular endangered species
6. Why are elephants hunted? (2%)
   Elephants are hunted for their tusks which can be sold for huge amounts of money.
7. What word in the passage has the same meaning as "against the law"? (2%)
   "Illegal" has the same meaning as "against the law".

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Section 2 Comprehension II 6%

Read the document below and then answer the questions that follow in short answers.

DONATE NOW!

Very soon there will be no more giant pandas left in the world. These beautiful, majestic creatures will be gone forever, and we will have lost something very precious. But you can help to stop this from happening!

Please donate $3 a month to WildWatch. We are a charity seeking to preserve all kinds of endangered species, and your money will go towards helping us to do this.

To find out more about who we are and what we do you can visit our website or give us a call. With your help, we can ensure that we do not lose these beautiful creatures.

Address: WildWatch, 15 Johnson Lane, London, UK
Tel.: 4321 5678 **Website**: www.wildwatch.ch

Supporters must be over 18 years of age. If you register before 12th May you will get a free panda toy sent directly to you.

1. The text above is a poster. (1%)
2. What three words are used to describe giant pandas? (1%)
   Beautiful, majestic, precious.
3. How much do WildWatch want people to donate, and how often? (1%)
   $3 a month.
4. In which city is WildWatch based? (1%)
   London.
5. Can a seventeen year old donate to WildWatch? (1%)
   No.
6. How can someone get a free toy? (1%)
   Register before 12th May.

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Section 3 Prepositions 8%

Fill in each blank with the correct prepositions.

Sam read an article (1) endangered animals while he was (2) holiday and became very upset. The animals which are endangered range (3) pandas (4) rhinos. His heart was shattered (5) a thousand pieces when he knew the plight of these animals. He loved pandas more than anyone else in the world, from the fact that they are black and white in colour to the fact that they are born (6) pink skin and no eyesight. Sam has thought (7) a while that he wants to be a zookeeper and look after pandas when he grows up, and he will keep (8) trying to achieve that dream. He doesn't think that he will ever decide to do something else, because he also likes all kinds of other animals too.	1. on/about 2. on 3. from 4. to 5. into 6. with 7. for 8. on

Section 4 Tenses 10%

Below is an entry from Sam's diary. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given.

12th November After I (1. read) that article, I was so shocked. Yesterday I (2. find out) that pandas will soon be gone! I (3. cry) about it still now. I (4. talk) to my mum yesterday when I said, "I (5. join) a charity to save pandas tomorrow!" but then she said that I wasn't old enough. I (6. wait) now until I am eighteen years old so I can sign up. I (7. live) in England now, but when I am older I am going to live in China to be close to pandas. I (8. watch) programmes on TV about pandas many times, and so I know where to find them. Though they (9. be) endangered now, I hope that there (10. be) millions of them soon.	1. had read 2. found out 3. am crying 4. was talking 5. am going to join 6. am waiting 7. live 8. have watched 9. are 10. will be

Section 5 Prefixes 9%

Choose the suitable prefix (un, dis, mis, in or im) and insert it into the blank space to complete the sentences.

Sam (1)agrees with those who say that animal preservation isn't important, and says that most people are (2)aware how much danger pandas are in or how (3)certain their future is. But Sam doesn't like the idea of pandas being in zoos either — he says that they suffer (4)comfort there and that the conditions are often (6)adequate, although he wouldn't say that it is (7)moral, because keeping pandas in zoos is one of the only ways to protect them. Sam admits that it might be (8)possible to save them, and hopes that the numbers have been (9)calculated.	1. dis 2. un 3. un 4. dis 5. in 6. im 7. im 8. im 9. mis

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Section 6 Pronouns (emphatic and reflexive) 9%

Sam writes a letter to the president of the WildWatch charity. Choose the suitable emphatic or reflexive pronouns to insert into the blanks

Dear Mrs Jones, I am only twelve years-old, and I know that I (1) cannot join WildWatch. But I wanted to write to you to say that I want to join when I am older. Pandas cannot protect (2), and so people like (3) are very important, and the work of the WildWatch organisation (4) is leading the way. As humans we should be ashamed of (5) for allowing this situation to happen. I have tried to convince my parents that this is important, but my mother tells (6) that it isn't really a problem and my father doesn't concern (7) with problems like this. Most people don't even think about the issue, and so people like you and me have to do something (8). I will be writing to you again in six years to join properly, but until then I hope that WildWatch continues to do (9) proud and protect animals. From Sam Smith	1. myself 2. themselves 3. yourself 4. itself 5. ourselves 6. herself 7. himself 8. ourselves 9. itself

Section 7 Proofreading 8%

Read the following instructions and then correct the sentences below. There is one mistake in each sentence.

a. Missing word – Draw an arrow (^) and write the missing word in the answer column.

b. Extra word – Cross out (X) the extra word and write it in the answer column.

c. Wrong word(s) / Spelling mistake – Underline the wrong word(s)/spelling mistake and write the correct answer in the answer column.

1. Pandas are Sam's ~~most~~ favourite animal and they are endangered.	1. ~~most~~
2. Pandas usually live in ~~the~~ China but there is a few in zoos all over the world.	2. the
3. There aren't many panda left if human beings do not protect them.	3. pandas
4. Sam is going to help ~~to~~ protect them from poachers and hunter.	4. ~~to~~
5. Many pandas are gifts from China and they live (^) zoos oversea.	5. in
6. Sam is a very adventure person and he dares to go to other countries alone.	6. adventurous
7. He wanted to join WildWatch, so ~~that~~ he wrote a letter to them.	7. ~~that~~
8. He is looking forward to go to China to visit them one day.	8. going

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Section 8 Relative Pronouns 8%

Fill in the blanks with the suitable relative pronouns (where, whose, which, that, who).

Sam, (1) loves pandas, eventually went to work for the WildWatch charity, (2) protects endangered animals. As well as helping to raise money in the UK, he visited the places (3) many of these animals live. Sam, (4) passion for wildlife is very strong, is one of the hardest workers at WildWatch. The job (5) he would like most of all is to be the president, though the current president Jane Jones, (6) Sam once wrote a letter to, is very good. Jane, (7) enthusiasm is nearly as strong as Sam's, has been the president for ten years. WildWatch, (8) has been running for thirty years, has grown a lot under her leadership.

1. who
2. which
3. where
4. whose
5. which/that
6. who
7. whose
8. which

Section 9 Conditional Tenses 8%

For each blank, fill in the correct form of the given verb.

If people (1. ignore) endangered animals then they (2. disappear) in the future. They (3. be unable) to survive if no action is taken. If people (4. support) animal charities then the situation (5. improve) somewhat and the animals (6. be) safer. However, if hunters (7. continue) to catch animals then charities (8. struggle) to do anything at all.

1. ignore
2. will disappear
3. will be unable
4. support
5. will improve
6. will be
7. continue
8. will struggle

Section 10 Articles 9%

Fill in each blank with "a", "an", "the" or "X" if nothing is needed.

SPONSOR A PANDA!

WildWatch, (1) biggest animal preservation charity in (2) world, is launching (3) new programme called "Sponsor a Panda!" Pandas live in (4) China, but their beauty is enjoyed by people all over (5) planet. That's why we're asking you to pay (6) small amount of money every month to help keep wild pandas safe. It is well-known that (7) pandas are (8) endangered species, but your money can help to change that. So, call 9182 3746 or visit www.wildwatch.com today to sign up, which only takes a quarter of (9) hour.

1. the
2. the
3. a
4. X
5. the
6. a
7. X
8. an
9. an

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Section 11 Comparatives and Superlatives 8%

Fill in the blanks with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. Pandas are ___(1)___ (rare) than most other animals.
2. Therefore, they are one of the ___(2)___ animals in the world too.
3. Some people thought Sam was the ___(3)___ (mad) boy in school.
4. In reality, he was ___(4)___ (insightful) than any of them.
5. Not everyone thinks pandas are the ___(5)___ (wonderful) animals.
6. Some people think that tigers are ___(6)___ (pretty) than pandas.
7. Sam is ___(7)___ (tall) than most other people.
8. His schoolwork is also ___(8)___ (good) than most.

1. rarer
2. loneliest
3. maddest
4. more insightful
5. most wonderful
6. prettier
7. taller
8. better

Section 12 Open Cloze 5%

Fill in each blank with one suitable word.

Although WildWatch is a very (1) charity, it uses that power to do good. Sam eventually (2) the president when Jane retired and was happy (3) have achieved his dream. The charity has continued to grow under his leadership, and (4) now has offices in over 50 countries. What's more, there is a (5) number of pandas in the wild than ever!

1. powerful
2. became
3. to
4. it
5. larger /greater/ bigger/higher

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