

The third term English exam



Level: 3rd year
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Duration : 1^{hr}30^{mn}

Endangered Species and the Threats they Face

Endangered species are animals, plants or other organisms that are at risk of becoming extinct. This means there are only a few of them left in the world, and if we do not help protect them, they might disappear forever.

There are many reasons why species become endangered. One of the biggest threats is habitat loss. When people cut down forests to build homes, farms, or roads, animals lose the places they live. Without food, shelter and space, many animals cannot survive. Another major threat is pollution. Dirty air, water and land can harm animals and plants. For example, oil spills in the ocean can kill fish and birds. Trash and plastic can hurt animals that eat or get stuck in it. Climate change is also a big problem. As the Earth gets warmer, some animals cannot live in their old homes anymore. Ice is melting in the Arctic, which affects polar bears and seals. In warmer places, some animals cannot find enough water or food.

People also hunt or capture animals too much. Some animals are hunted for their fur, tusks or meat. Others are taken from the wild to be sold as pets. When too many animals are taken, the population can drop quickly.

Endangered species play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems. When these species decline or disappear, it can reduce biodiversity and weaken the overall health of the environment. Their loss may lead to overpopulation of other species. Protecting endangered species helps preserve the intricate connections that keep ecosystems stable and resilient.

In conclusion, endangered species need our help to survive. By taking care of the environment, and respecting wildlife, we can make sure these amazing animals and plants are around for future generations.

Part one

Reading comprehension (7 pts)

Activity one: Read the text and write True or False (3pts)

- 1/Removing one species from an ecosystem can disrupt the balance and affect other species.
- 2/Building homes, farms, and roads can help endangered animals find more places to live.
- 3/Not all species can adapt easily to changes in temperature and climate; some struggle to survive in new conditions.

Activity two: Read the text and answer the following questions (2pts)

- 1/ List 02 reasons why species become endangered.
- 2/ Does the overexploitation of animals impact the biodiversity? How?

Activity three: Read the text and find words whose definitions follow: (2pts)

- A* A plant or animal that is at risk of dying out.
- B* The action or process of making water, land and air dirty.
- C* Natural environment of an animal or plant.
- D* Make or keep somebody or something safe.

Mastery of Language (7 pts)

Activity one: Supply punctuation and capitalization where necessary (2pts)

saving the endangered species means using cleaner energy the 3rs and afforestation

Activity two: Write the correct form of the adjectives between brackets (3pts)

To protect the environment, we should find out solutions. Walking or biking is **(healthy)** than driving a car and using reusable bags is **(practical)** than plastic ones. The more we act, the **(good)** our planet's future will be.

Activity three: Circle the silent letter in the following words (2pts)

Wrong - should - Knight – castle- .

Part two:

Situation of integration (6 pts)

Every day, pollution, deforestation, illegal hunting and waste affect our environment.... It is our responsibility to take action to protect the planet for future generations.

Write a short paragraph explaining how we can protect the environment for a better planet.