

PART 3 – Question 1 – Read the text below and answer questions 1 to 8.

The Tiger

The tiger is the biggest species of the cat family. It can reach a length of up to 3.3 metres and weigh as much as 300 kilogrammes. Besides Malaysia, the tiger is also found in Vietnam and Thailand.

In Malaysia, the tiger is an endangered species. It is believed that there are only 340 tigers left in the wild. The main challenge for conservationists is that one rarely gets to see these animals. Tigers live in thick forests where their tracks are hard to find. Sub-species of the tiger include the Sumatran tiger, Siberian tiger and Indochinese tiger.

Tigers are often misleadingly thought to be man-eaters. However, they would usually avoid making contact with humans. Whenever they do so, these big cats will disappear into the jungle.

The majestic beast is hunted worldwide for its yellowish fur. Its fur is highly prized because it has black-coloured stripes all over its body. The stripes are like identification numbers. This is because no two tigers have the same stripes. Another amazing fact is that the stripes on each side of the body are different too.

A tiger's roar is so loud that the sound can be heard from two thousand metres away. Do you know why the tiger roars? Well, it does that mainly for two reasons: it is either defending its territory or communicating with other tigers. A tiger never roars when it wants to attack its prey. Instead it only makes a deep growling sound. Tigers mark their territories by excreting their urine or scratching trees.

In Malaysia, the tiger is mainly protected by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks. Anyone found guilty of shooting or hunting a tiger can face a fine of RM500,000 or up to five years' imprisonment.

Questions 1 – 8

Complete the following table. Choose **no more than three words** and/or a number from the text for each answer. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

The Tiger	
Countries where it is found	• Malaysia 1 _____ 2 _____
Subspecies	3 _____ 4 _____ • Indochinese
Part of the body that is valuable	5 _____
Ways of marking territories	6 _____ 7 _____
Reasons the tiger roars	8 _____ • communicate with other tigers

[8 marks]

