B1	The Giant Panda	LIU016

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

The giant panda is a bear that lives in central China. It is special because of its black and white fur. Pandas belong to the most **(1)** _____ species of our world. About 2000 pandas live in the wilderness and 300 live in **(2)** _____ zoos around the world.

Recently, there have been **(3)** _____ in many countries to save the giant panda. The animal has been driven away from its natural habitat because of deforestation, intensive farming and the creation of new **(4)** _____.

The giant panda can reach a height of up to 1.5 metres and weigh up to 150 kg. Pandas have bodies like bears, but scientists do not know why they grow a thick black and white **(5)** _____. It keeps them warm during the cold winter months and the white colour protects them from possible enemies in the snow-covered mountains in which they live. Pandas have large teeth, which they need to eat bamboo, their **(6)** _____ food. Because it is low in nutritional value it does not give pandas much energy to move around for longer periods of time.

Giant pandas can live up to 20 years in the wilderness and 30 years in zoos. They start **(7)** _____ between 4 and 8 years of age. When panda cubs are born, they are very tiny, only about a thousandth the size of the mother, and blind. Like all mammals, they get their food from their mother, whom they stay with for up to three years before being able to **(8)** _____ alone.

Pandas have been an important **(9)** _____ throughout history. They first became known in the western world during the middle of the 19th century. In the 1960s, the Chinese government **(10)** _____ it had to do something to protect the giant pandas from becoming **(11)** _____. Since then they have set up 40 reserves in which the animals are protected.

In the 1970s, pandas played a role in the opening of Communist China to the west. They were sold to zoos in other countries. Today, about 45 pandas live in zoos outside China. Zoologists are putting millions of dollars into **(12)** _____ the animals in captivity. When they get older, they are released again into their natural habitat.

1	dangered	danger	endangered	dangerous
2	various	range	often	fewer
3	elections	campaigns	operations	battles
4	settlements	settle	settlers	settling
5	wool	hair	skin	fur
6	basic	important	first	major
7	copying	producing	reproducing	repeating
8	last	outlive	continue	survive
9	nature	species	kind	sort
10	moved	realized	gathered	achieved
11	extinct	dead	vanished	disappeared
12	making	keeping	breeding	creating

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