

## UNIT 8 – LISTENING – G12

### Exercise 1 – Gap-Fill

Listen to the talk about tigers and fill in the blanks with **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS OR A NUMBER**.

Over the last (1) \_\_\_\_\_, the world's wild tiger population has declined significantly. At the beginning of the 20th century, there were about (2) \_\_\_\_\_ tigers in the wild. From about 7,000–8,000 in the late 1990s, the number decreased by more than half in (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

One major reason is the loss of natural habitats. Forest clearance for agriculture, wood, and the building of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and housing have reduced their living areas.

Another serious threat is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and the illegal trade in tiger parts.

### Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Listen to the talk and choose the correct answer **A, B, or C**.

**1. How many wild tigers were there at the beginning of the 20th century?**

- A. About 10,000                      B. About 100,000                      C. About 4,500

**2. When did the number of wild tigers decrease by more than half?**

- A. 1990                                  B. 2010                                  C. 2023

**3. What happens when tiger habitats become smaller?**

- A. Tigers move to other forests  
B. Tigers stop hunting animals  
C. Tigers enter villages to find food

**4. Why were tigers historically poached?**

- A. To use their skins for coats and decorations  
B. To collect tiger bones for scientific research  
C. To protect farm animals from tiger attacks

**5. What was the original purpose of tiger breeding farms?**

- A. To help protect wild tigers from illegal hunting  
B. To produce medicines made from tiger body parts  
C. To allow visitors to see and study tigers closely