

UNIT 6: ENDANGERED SPECIES

READING & VOCABULARY

I. Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences.

1. ____ is a branch of Natural Science, and is the study of living organisms and how they interact with their environment
A. Biology B. Biological C. Biologist D. Biologically
2. A/ an ____ species is a population of an organism which is at risk of becoming extinct.
A. dangerous B. endanger C. endangered D. endangerment
3. Besides, several programmes should be ____ that spreads the world of the conservation of the elephants in the public.
A. told B. used C. operated D. introduced
4. Cheetah's tail is ____ during fast running, because it balances the animal and allows fast and sudden turns which happen often when the prey tries to escape.
A. essential B. basic C. adequate D. sufficient
5. People should be told about the things that threaten the safety of ____ so that they can avoid doing them.
A. the wild B. wildness C. wild life D. wildlife
6. Humans depend on species **diversity** to provide food, clean air and water, and fertile soil for agriculture.
A. destruction B. contamination C. fertilizer D. variety
7. The more you talk about the situation, ____.
A. it seems worse B. the worse it seems
C. the worse does it seem D. it seems the worse
8. ____ the Sun is, ____ the shadow is.
A. The higher / the low B. The more high/ the more low
C. The higher / the lower D. The more higher / the more lower
9. Life on Earth is **disappearing** fast and will continue to do so unless urgent action is taken.
A. vanishing B. damaging C. polluting D. destroying
10. By December next year, we ____ in this house for twenty years.
A. will have lived B. have lived C. will live D. had live
11. ____ it is, ____ miserable I feel.
A. The hotter / more B. The hotter / the more
C. The more hotter / the more D. The more hot / the more
12. The saola is also indirectly threatened by insufficient ____ to and investment in its conservation.
A. interest B. attention C. care D. treatment
13. The better the weather is, ____.
A. the beaches get the more crowded B. the beaches get the most crowded
C. the most crowded the beaches get D. the more crowded the beaches get
14. Hunting for meat and burning forests for soil cause **destruction** to wildlife.
A. organization B. contamination C. protection D. damage
15. Species become extinct or endangered for ____ number of reasons, but ____ primary cause is the destruction of habitat by human activities.
A. Ø/ a B. a/ the C. the/ a D. Ø/ Ø

II. Identify One underlined part that needs correcting and Correct it.

16. Species become extinct or endangerment for a number of reasons but the primary cause is the destruction of

habitat by human activities.
A B C
D

17. Although species evolve differently, most of them adapt to a specific habitat or environment that best meets

A B C
their survive needs.
D

18. Without the particularly habitat, the species could not survive.

A B C D

19. Such human activities as pollution, drainage of wetlands, cutting and clearing of forests, urbanization, and

A B C
road and dam construction has destroyed or seriously damaged available habitats.
D

C. READING

I. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is an international (20) ____ governmental organization for the (21) ____, research, and restoration of the environment. The organization was (22) ____ as a charitable trust on September 11, 1961, in Morges, Switzerland, under the name **World Wildlife Fund**. It was an initiative of Julian Huxley and Max Nicholson.

It is the world's largest independent conservation organization with over 5 million (23) ____ worldwide, working in more (24) ____ 90 countries, supporting 100 conservation and environmental projects around the world. It is a charity, with (25) ____ 9% of its funding coming from voluntary (26) ____ by private individuals and businesses.

The group says its mission is "to halt and reverse the (27) ____ of our environment". Currently, much of its work focuses on the conservation of three biomes that contain most of the world's biodiversity: forests, freshwater ecosystems, and oceans and coasts. Among other issues, it is also concerned (28) ____ endangered species, pollution, and climate change. The organization (29) ____ more than 20 field projects worldwide. In the last few years, the organization set up offices and operations around the world.

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| 20. | A. non | B. not | C. no | D. nor |
| 21. | A. challenge | B. keeping | C. conservation | D. awareness |
| 22. | A. produced | B. discovered | C. used | D. formed |
| 23. | A. supporters | B. residents | C. inhabitants | D. citizens |
| 24. | A. as | B. than | C. to | D. as to |
| 25. | A. generally | B. individually | C. commercially | D. approximately |
| 26. | A. deposits | B. donations | C. refunds | D. loans |
| 27. | A. destroy | B. destructive | C. destruction | D. destroyed |
| 28. | A. on | B. by | C. with | D. upon |
| 29. | A. goes | B. walks | C. reaches | D. runs |

II. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The Sahara Desert is the world's largest hot desert. The Sahara is in North Africa and is as large as the United States. Many people think that an area like this has no animals or plant life, but **they** are incorrect. In fact, the Sahara Desert has many different 'ecoregions'. Each ecoregion has different plants and animals living there. The biggest ecoregion is called the 'Sahara Desert ecoregion.' In this area, the climate is extremely dry and extremely hot. The landscape is sandy and dusty with many high dunes. Because the Sahara Desert ecoregion is so hot and dry, there are very few plants and animals. Scientists **estimate** that there are only 500 species of plants. This is not very much when thinking of how enormous the region is. These plants include acacia trees, palms, spiny shrubs, and grasses. The Sahara is also home to 70 species of mammals. Twenty of these are large mammals. There are about 90 species of birds and around 100 reptiles.

The biggest threat to plants and animals in this environment is drying up. Because of this, plants have the ability to recover their health after their leaves have dried out completely. Animals can lose 30-60% of their body mass and still survive. Most animals do not get their water from drinking like other ecosystems. Instead, they have adapted to get their water through metabolic processes. This is why they can survive in a place like the Sahara Desert ecosystem.

30. What is the text mostly about?

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| A. Location of the Sahara Desert. | B. Hot weather of the Sahara Desert. |
| C. How animals survive on this Desert. | D. The Sahara Desert and its ecosystem. |

31. Which of the following is TRUE?

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| A. The Sahara Desert has no animals or plants. | B. It is the second largest desert. |
| C. It is in North Africa. | D. It is in the United States. |

32. In paragraph 1, the word **they** refers to ____.

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| A. people | B. plants | C. animals | D. ecoregions |
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33. In paragraph 2, the word **estimate** is closest in meaning to ____.

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| A. confirm | B. calculate | C. formulate | D. participate |
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34. All of the following are true about the Sahara Desert EXCEPT ____.

- A. there are about five hundred types of plants
- B. seventy species of mammals can be found there
- C. it is home to about ninety species of birds
- D. Fewer than 100 reptiles are found there

35. Why can animals and plants survive in the Sahara Desert?

- A. They try to reduce the water intake.
- B. They get water from the irrigation system.
- C. They get water through metabolic process.
- D. They don't really need water for a long time