

## UNIT8 - READING

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks**

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List divides species (31)\_\_\_\_ seven levels of conservation: Least Concern, Near Threatened, Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, Extinct in the Wild, and Extinct. It uses a set of precise criteria to (32)\_\_\_\_ extinction risks and decides which species need protection. An endangered species is one (33) \_\_\_\_ meets any of the following criteria.

A species is classified as endangered when its population has declined between 50 and 70 per cent. This decline is measured over 10 years or longer. Geographic range describes the area where a species is found. (34)\_\_\_\_ the area that a species lives on, known as its area of occupancy, is estimated to be less than 500 square kilometres, then the species is classified as endangered. (35)\_\_\_\_, a species is classified as endangered when there are fewer than 2,500 mature individuals. When a species (36)\_\_\_\_ declines by at least 20 per cent or two generations within five years, it is also classified as endangered.

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| Question 31. A. into      | B. with          | C. about     | D. of         |
| Question 32. A. release   | B. identify      | C. evaluate  | D. conserve   |
| Question 33. A. whose     | B. whom          | C. where     | D. that       |
| Question 34. A. If        | B. Because       | C. Unless    | D. Though     |
| Question 35. A. Yet       | B. Moreover      | C. Therefore | D. However    |
| Question 36. A. captivity | B. deforestation | C. threat    | D. population |

**Read the following passage about coffee and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions.**

### **Sea turtle protection efforts supported by hundreds of volunteers**

More than 600 volunteers participated in sea turtle conservation activities held on Con Dao Island last week. Volunteers made sure that their spawning ground was safe. They also rescued turtle eggs and buried them in the sand. Sea turtles are threatened with extinction worldwide, and their populations have decreased **dramatically** in many places. That is why sea turtle conservation programmes are organised annually around the world. They attract many volunteers and help raise public awareness about the threats to sea turtle species.

### **Plans to help coral reefs recover**

Local authorities are taking measures to restore the coral reef ecosystem in Nha Trang Bay. They will organise regular clean-ups of the seabed and removal of marine debris. Diving clubs will also help by having their professional divers collect broken pieces of coral, re-grow **them** in underwater nurseries, and then re-attach them to reefs. Coral cover is expected to increase, which will help restore natural habitats and **promote** marine biodiversity in the bay. In addition, the bay's management board will also monitor the number of swimmers and divers to avoid putting too much stress on the ecosystem.

### **Wildlife art exhibition to raise public awareness and funds**

An exhibition entitled '**Paint for wildlife**' will be held in Ha Noi next week. It will include more than 30 paintings by secondary school students across the country. Visitors will also have the opportunity

to meet the young artists and discuss the stories behind their beautiful paintings. **All of them will be on sale to raise money for the protection of endangered and vulnerable species.** The event organisers hope to raise public awareness of wildlife conservation through art and contribute to efforts to save rare and endangered animals.

**Question 37:** Which of the following is NOT true about the sea turtle conservation activities?

- A. More than 600 volunteers participated.
- B. Volunteers helped protect the sea turtle eggs by burying them.
- C. These activities only occurred once on Con Dao Island.
- D. The aim of the activities was to prevent the extinction of sea turtles.

**Question 38:** The word "**dramatically**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to\_\_\_\_\_

- A. Slowly
- B. Significantly
- C. Minutely
- D. Gradually

**Question 39:** The word "**them**" in paragraph 2 refers to\_\_\_\_\_

- A. Broken pieces of coral
- B. Diving clubs
- C. Swimmers
- D. Reefs

**Question 40:** The word "**promote**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to\_\_\_\_\_

- A. Prevent
- B. Limit
- C. Enhance
- D. Damage

**Question 41:** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

**"All of them will be on sale to raise money for the protection of endangered and vulnerable species."**

- A. The paintings will be sold to help protect wildlife.
- B. The paintings will be sold for educational purposes only.
- C. Visitors can buy the paintings to raise awareness of animals.
- D. Money from the sale will go towards improving the conservation of sea turtles.

**Question 42:** What is TRUE about the "**Paint for wildlife**" exhibition?

- A. The exhibition features only professional artists.
- B. The paintings are created by secondary school students.
- C. It is organized to promote commercial art sales.
- D. The paintings are meant to be displayed only without being sold.

**Question 43:** In which paragraph does the writer mention the sea turtle conservation efforts?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. None of them

**Question 44:** In which paragraph is the coral reef restoration mentioned?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. None of them