

UNIT 8 – CULTURE – CLOZE TEST

Read the 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 from 1 to 5.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List divides species into several levels of conservation status, ranging from Least Concern to Extinct. Scientists use these categories to assess extinction risks and determine which species require special (1) _____.

An endangered species is one that meets certain conditions related to population decline, geographic range, and population size. One key factor is the rate of population reduction. A species is considered endangered when its population has fallen by 50 to 70 per cent over a period of about ten years. Such a decline can seriously affect the chances of survival for many species.

Another factor is geographic range. This concept refers (2) _____ the area where a species normally lives in the wild. When this area becomes very limited, the species may face a higher risk of extinction.

Population size is also an important indicator. A species may be classified as endangered if there are fewer than 2,500 mature individuals. In addition, scientists carefully examine (3) _____ population size when deciding the conservation status of a species.

If the population keeps (4) _____ in number within a short time, the species may soon become critically endangered. Therefore, conservation groups often (5) _____ action to protect these species and their natural environments.

Question 1:

A. protect B. protective C. protection D. protecting

Question 2:

A. for B. with C. to D. about

Question 3:

A. remaining small population B. small remaining population
C. population remaining small D. small population remaining

Question 4:

A. decline B. declining C. declined D. to decline

Question 5:

A. take B. make C. do D. give

Read the 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 from 6 to 10.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List divides species into seven levels of conservation, ranging from Least Concern to Extinct. Scientists use clear criteria to evaluate extinction risks and decide which species need protection. Today, (6) _____ environmental organizations around the world rely on the Red List to monitor the status of endangered species.

Population reduction rate

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. If conservation actions are delayed, some species may eventually (7) _____ completely and disappear from nature.

Geographic range

Geographic range describes the area where a species is found. If the area that a species lives in, known as its area of occupancy, is estimated to be less than 500 square kilometres, the species may be at risk (8) _____ the limited living space.

Population size

A species is classified as endangered when there are fewer than 2,500 mature individuals. Such a small population makes the species more (9) _____ to diseases and environmental changes. Because of these risks, governments and conservation organizations must work together to protect endangered animals and their habitats. Their efforts aim to (10) _____ wildlife populations before they disappear completely.

Question 6:

- A. the number of B. a number of C. an amount of D. a great deal of

Question 7:

- A. turn up B. break down C. set off D. die out

Question 8:

- A. because of B. instead of C. according to D. apart from

Question 9:

- A. vulnerable B. available C. suitable D. responsible

Question 10:

- A. destroy B. conserve C. reduce D. ignore