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- Read the article below and then answer the questions.

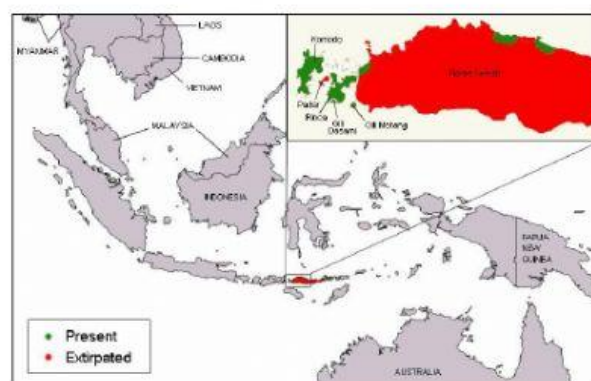
## ***What are Komodo Dragons?***



Have you ever seen a small lizard in a garden? How about a giant lizard? In the rainy, island country of Indonesia, there are between 4,000 and 5,000 giant lizards called Komodo dragons. They are called Komodo dragons because one of the five islands they live on is called Komodo Island. They are the largest species of lizard in the world. Adult Komodos can grow to more than three meters long and weigh about 70 kilograms. The largest Komodo ever was an amazing 166 kilograms!

European scientists discovered them in 1910, and the first two Komodos were kept at the London Zoo in 1927. When Hollywood producers heard about the giant lizards, **they** made a movie in 1933 about a giant gorilla called 'King Kong.' The Komodos can live for about forty or even fifty years. They eat almost anything they can catch; for example, birds, bird eggs, monkeys, deer and horses. Sometimes they even eat other, smaller Komodos, and sometimes (but not often) even people. They especially like to eat dead and dying animals which they can smell many kilometers away. There are only about fifty Komodo dragons in zoos around the world, located mostly in

Indonesia, Europe and North America. Because there are so few of them living in the wild, a park – called Komodo National Park – was opened in Indonesia in 1980 to protect them from hunters. **It** had forty-five thousand visitors in 2010.



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● **READING COMPREHENSION.** Choose the correct answer and type the letters in the blank.

1. The paragraph is about different kinds of lizards. \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) TRUE
- (b) FALSE
- (c) It doesn't say.

2. About how many Komodo dragons are there in the world? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) between four and five thousand
- (b) forty-five thousand
- (c) fifty

3. About how long is an adult Komodo? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) seventy meters
- (b) three meters
- (c) five meters

4. When did Europeans first find out about them? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) 1933
- (b) 1927 (c) 1910

5. In Paragraph 2, what does 'they' mean? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) movie producers
- (b) giant lizards
- (c) European scientists

6. What do Komodo dragons like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) almost anything
- (b) people
- (c) birds and bird eggs

7. Komodo dragons often eat people. \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) TRUE
- (b) FALSE
- (c) It doesn't say.

**8. There are about 150 Komodo dragons in zoos around the world. \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) TRUE
- (b) FALSE
- (c) It doesn't say.

**9. In Paragraph 2, what does 'it' mean? \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) hunters
- (c) Komodo National Park

**10. Why did people make Komodo National Park? \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) The Komodo dragons are dangerous.
- (b) It is easier for people to see Komodo dragons.
- (c) Some people kill Komodo dragons.