

## TA9. U7. Natural wonders of the world – Reading 1

### Text 1: The Grand Canyon: A Natural Wonder

The Grand Canyon, located in the United States, is one of the most iconic (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. This majestic landmark is renowned for its (2) \_\_\_\_\_ rock formations and breathtaking views, attracting millions of visitors annually. The canyon's unique (3) \_\_\_\_\_ includes layers of rock that reveal millions of years of Earth's history.

Access to the Grand Canyon is carefully managed to ensure its (4) \_\_\_\_\_ preservation. Visitors can explore the area through hiking trails, scenic drives, and even (5) \_\_\_\_\_ trips along the Colorado River. However, certain areas require special (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect the fragile ecosystem.

The canyon's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ supports a wide variety of flora and fauna, making it a hotspot for biodiversity. Efforts to conserve this natural wonder are essential as increased tourism could (8) \_\_\_\_\_ its delicate balance. Environmentalists encourage sustainable tourism practices to minimize the impact on the environment.

Whether you're interested in geology, wildlife, or simply admiring (9) \_\_\_\_\_ landscapes, the Grand Canyon offers an unforgettable experience. It remains a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for travelers from around the globe.

1. A. landscapes      sB. natural wonders C. peaks D. valleys
2. A. charming B. sustainable C. magnificent D. virtual
3. A. ecosystem B. feature C. flora D. heritage
4. A. urgent B. wonderful C. sustainable D. annual
5. A. coral watching B. sailing C. rafting D. hiking
6. A. permission B. ecosystem C. diversity D. permits
7. A. biodiversity B. contest C. fauna D. flora
8. A. endanger B. protect C. discover D. conserve
9. A. virtual B. magnificent C. charming D. snowy
10. A. destination B. coast C. resource D. paradise

### Text 2: The Great Barrier Reef: A Marine Paradise

The Great Barrier Reef, located off the coast of Australia, is the largest (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. It is a vibrant ecosystem filled with coral reefs, marine life, and crystal-clear waters. Its (2) \_\_\_\_\_ diversity makes it one of the most fascinating places to explore.

Scuba diving and snorkeling are popular activities, allowing visitors to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the reef's underwater beauty. However, the reef faces numerous challenges, including pollution and climate change, which have (4) \_\_\_\_\_ parts of its coral. Conservation efforts are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect this fragile ecosystem.

To limit the impact of tourism, certain areas of the reef require special (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Visitors are encouraged to adopt sustainable practices, such as avoiding (7) \_\_\_\_\_ activities and supporting eco-friendly businesses.

The reef's unique (8) \_\_\_\_\_ includes more than 1,500 species of fish and hundreds of types of coral. It is not only a natural wonder but also a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for environmental research and education.

With the right actions, the Great Barrier Reef can remain a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for marine biodiversity and a destination for future generations to enjoy.

1. A. coral ecosystem B. rainforest C. national park D. natural wonder
2. A. charming B. annual C. biodiversity D. contest
3. A. explore B. endanger C. access D. discover
4. A. discovered B. conserved C. destroyed D. replaced
5. A. annual B. urgent C. sustainable D. risky
6. A. permits B. access C. biodiversity D. diversity
7. A. risky B. urgent C. sustainable D. wonderful
8. A. ecosystem B. location C. flora D. fauna
9. A. destination B. paradise C. heritage D. resource
10. A. peak B. heritage C. haven D. magnificent