***PASSAGE 22***

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No animal species can survive indefinitely on Earth. Centuries ago, species went extinct from natural causes, for example, they were unable to adapt to bad weather and other difficult conditions. However, animals are now dying out faster than ever because of human activity. It is estimated that, until the 18th century, one species disappeared from the Earth every four years. By the 19th century, this had increased to one species per year, and today animals are disappearing at the alarming rate of more than 40,000 species per year.

The cause of endangerment is from humans **exploiting** wild animals. Uncontrolled hunting of whales in the last century, for example, resulted in many whale species becoming critically endangered. The high demand for animal parts stems from their use in certain foods or medicines or their value as decorative objects. For example, the ivory tusks of elephants are used to make jewellery, and the price is high enough that people risk being arrested and jailed to go after these animals.

Organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund try to raise awareness of threatened animals and plants. These organizations collaborate with government agencies to save threatened or endangered species and to make new laws that will protect them. But to really protect plant and animal species now and in the future, the public needs to be educated on the value of keeping these species alive.

**Question 1:** What is the main reason for the rapid extinction of species today?

A. Natural disasters.
B. Climate change.
C. Human activity.
D. Evolutionary changes.

**Question 2:** According to the passage, how has the rate of extinction changed from the 18th century to today?

A. It has decreased significantly.
B. It has remained constant.
C. It has increased dramatically.
D. It has only slightly increased.

**Question 3:** The word '**exploiting**' in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

A. conserving B. using C. wasting D. employing

**Question 4:** Which of the following is NOT TRUE about animal species?

A. Extinction rates have increased in recent years.

B. Animals have always faced threats from natural causes.

C. Human exploitation has little impact on extinction rates.

D. Conservation efforts are needed to protect endangered species.

**Question 5:** What is the best title of the passage?

A. Natural disasters and animals' extinction.

B. Human impact and efforts to save wildlife.

C. Importance of Biodiversity on our life in the future.

D. History of endangered species.

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