

TKA PREPARATION : DESCRIPTIVE TEXT

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Text for questions number 1 to 4



The Komodo dragon, or *Varanus komodoensis*, is a remarkable species of lizard found only in the Indonesian islands of Komodo, Rinca, Flores, and Gili Motang. As the world's largest living lizard, it is a true relic of a prehistoric age, fascinating scientists and tourists alike. An adult Komodo dragon can grow up to 3 meters in length and weigh over 70 kilograms, making it the apex predator in its habitat.

Their survival strategy is a combination of brute force and sophisticated biological weaponry. Komodo dragons are carnivores, and their diet is varied, including deer, pigs, smaller dragons, and even large water buffalo. They are patient hunters, often waiting for hours for prey to cross their path. A Komodo's bite is its most formidable weapon. For a long time, scientists believed that bacteria in their saliva were responsible for killing their prey. However, recent research has revealed that the dragons possess venom glands. This venom, delivered with a powerful bite, causes a severe drop in blood pressure, shock, and prevents blood clotting, quickly incapacitating their victim.

The conservation status of the Komodo dragon is listed as Endangered. The primary threats to their existence are human activities, including habitat loss due to land clearing and a decrease in their natural prey. Volcanic activity and other natural disasters on their native islands also pose a significant risk. Conservation efforts are crucial and are primarily focused on protecting their habitats within Komodo National Park. These programs involve monitoring the dragon population, working with local communities to prevent poaching, and managing tourism to minimize its impact on the ecosystem.

The future of this magnificent species depends on a delicate balance between human interests and wildlife preservation. Protecting the Komodo dragon means preserving a unique piece of Earth's natural heritage for future generations to marvel at.

1. According to the text, what is the most recent scientific finding about the Komodo dragon's bite?...
 - A. Their saliva contains deadly bacteria that infect the prey.
 - B. They possess venom glands that incapacitate their victims.
 - C. Their bite is dangerous mainly due to its powerful jaw strength.
 - D. They hunt by patiently waiting for their prey to die of exhaustion.
 - E. The bacteria in their mouth are harmless to larger animals.

2. What is the main purpose of the author in writing this text?...
 - A. To persuade tourists to visit Komodo National Park.
 - B. To criticize the lack of government effort in conservation.
 - C. To provide a comprehensive overview of the Komodo dragon.
 - D. To compare the Komodo dragon with other prehistoric predators.
 - E. To focus solely on the scientific debate about the dragon's saliva.
3. Which of the following statements best illustrate the Komodo dragon's status as an "apex predator"?

Choose the correct answers!

1. An adult Komodo dragon can grow up to 3 meters in length.
 2. Their diet is varied, including deer, pigs, ... and even large water buffalo.
 3. Volcanic activity and other natural disasters ... also pose a significant risk.
 4. This venom, delivered with a powerful bite, ... quickly incapacitating their victim.
- A. Statement 1 and 2
 - B. Statement 1 and 3
 - C. Statement 2 and 4
 - D. Statement 2 and 3
 - E. Statement 3 and 4
4. What can be inferred as the primary cause for the Komodo dragon's "Endangered" status?...
 - A. The volcanic activity on their native islands.
 - B. The scientific research that disturbs their natural behaviour.
 - C. The impact of human activities on their habitat and food source.
 - D. The presence of venom glands which makes them a target for hunters.
 - E. Their inability to compete with other predators in the area.

Text for questions number 5-7

Lalisa Manobal, globally recognized by her mononym Lisa, is a Thai rapper, singer, and dancer who has become one of the most impactful figures in the K-pop industry and global pop culture. Born on March 27, 1997, in Buriram, Thailand, and later raised in Bangkok, her journey into stardom began with an intense passion for dance from a young age, leading her to join the dance crew We Zaa Cool alongside GOT7's BamBam. Her talent was undeniable, and at just 13, she was the sole successful applicant out of 4,000 to audition for the South Korean entertainment label YG Entertainment in Thailand in 2010. She moved to South Korea the following year, becoming YG's first non-ethnic Korean trainee.

After five years of rigorous training, Lisa debuted in August 2016 as the lead rapper and main dancer of the internationally celebrated girl group Blackpink. She is known for her powerful and precise dance skills, commanding stage presence, and distinct rap delivery. Lisa's influence transcends music; she is a multilingual star, speaking Thai, Korean, and English fluently, along with basic Japanese and Chinese. Her fashion sense and global endorsements have cemented her status as a style icon.

In 2021, Lisa made her highly anticipated solo debut with the single album *Lalisa*. The title track's music video shattered records, becoming the most-viewed YouTube music video by a solo artist in 24 hours at the time, underscoring her immense global popularity. Her solo career has earned her numerous accolades, including becoming the first K-pop soloist to win at both the MTV Video Music Awards and the MTV Europe Music Awards. Furthermore, she holds multiple Guinness World Records, such as being the most-followed K-pop artist on Instagram and the most-followed female K-pop soloist on Spotify. Beyond music, Lisa expanded her career into acting, making her debut in the HBO television series *The White Lotus* in 2025. This continuous breaking of boundaries firmly establishes Lisa as a cultural ambassador and a defining artist of her generation.

5. Write T for True statements and F for False statements

NO	STATEMENTS	TRUE (T)	FALSE (F)
a.	Lisa's full birth name was Pranpriya Manobal.		
b.	Lisa was born in the capital city of South Korea, Seoul.		
c.	She was the second member of Blackpink to make a solo debut.		
d.	Lisa is known to be fluent in only two languages: Thai and Korean.		
e.	Lisa's debut solo single "Lalisa" broke the record for the most-viewed music video by a solo artist on YouTube in its first 24 hours.		

6. Which of the following inferences about Lisa's strategic career development is best supported by the provided text?

- A. Lisa prioritized her solo music career over her activities with Blackpink immediately after the group's debut.
- B. Her decision to act in a major HBO series was likely a deliberate move to expand her audience beyond the K-pop and music industry fan base.
- C. The title of her solo debut, *Lalisa*, suggests a desire to entirely distance herself from her identity as a Blackpink member.
- D. Her initial success as YG's first non-ethnic Korean trainee proves that her language skills were the most important factor in her selection.
- E. Her endorsement success and Guinness World Records imply that her dance skills are a less significant part of her global appeal than her fashion sense.

7. The text highlights Lisa's numerous "Guinness World Records." Considering the totality of her achievements described, which record category most strongly exemplifies her individual, boundary-breaking global influence outside of Blackpink's collective success?

- A. Being the most-followed K-pop artist on Instagram.
- B. Becoming the sole successful applicant in the 2010 YG Entertainment audition.
- C. Her role as the lead rapper and main dancer of Blackpink.

- D. Becoming the first K-pop soloist to win at both the MTV Video Music Awards and the MTV Europe Music Awards.
- E. Breaking the record for the most-viewed YouTube music video by a solo artist in 24 hours (at the time).

Text for question number 8-10

Yogyakarta, often referred to as Jogja, is a city brimming with history, culture, and a distinct artistic energy, located on the Indonesian island of Java. It stands proudly as the only Indonesian province still governed by a pre-colonial **sultanate**, with the current ruler, Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwono X, also serving as the governor. This special administrative status preserves a rich tradition, making it the heartland of Javanese culture.

The city's soul lies within the magnificent **Kraton** (Sultan's Palace), a sprawling complex that functions both as the Sultan's residence and a cultural landmark, offering a direct link to the Javanese royal heritage. Just a short drive away lies the awe-inspiring **Borobudur Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the world's largest Buddhist temple, standing as a monumental testament to Indonesia's ancient past. Another equally important ancient site nearby is the Hindu **Prambanan Temple**.

Yogyakarta is also renowned as a vibrant **center for Indonesian art and education**. The famed **Malioboro Street** pulses with life, offering everything from local handicrafts, batik, and souvenirs to authentic street food. Furthermore, the city is a major hub for higher education, attracting students from across the archipelago and fostering a youthful, intellectual atmosphere. With its harmonious blend of royal tradition, ancient wonders, and modern creativity, Yogyakarta offers a unique and unforgettable Indonesian experience.

8. Based on the text, which of the following statements accurately describe the cultural and historical significance of Yogyakarta? (There is more than one correct answer)

	Yogyakarta is a major centre for higher education, drawing students from all over the Indonesian archipelago.
	The city is the only province in Indonesia where the current governor is also the pre-colonial sultan.
	The Malioboro Street area is primarily known for its extensive display of ancient Javanese royal artifacts.
	It is home to the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia, the Borobudur Temple.
	The Kraton serves both as a functioning royal residence and a key cultural landmark.

9. Which of the following renowned locations are explicitly mentioned in the text as being features of, or short drives from, Yogyakarta? (There is more than one correct answer)

	The Sultan's Palace (Kraton).
	The artistic and commercial street known as Malioboro.
	The renowned Hindu temple complex, Prambanan.
	The capital of Indonesia, Jakarta.
	The world's largest Buddhist temple, Borobudur.

10. The text describes Yogyakarta as a place with a "harmonious blend of royal tradition, ancient wonders, and modern creativity." Which of the following is the most likely long-term socio-economic implication of this unique blend?
- A. The Sultanate will eventually be forced to privatize all cultural heritage sites to meet the demands of modern tourism.
 - B. The city's young, intellectual population will eventually cause a complete decline in interest in the traditional arts and the Kraton.
 - C. The strong preservation of royal tradition serves as a foundational identity that both attracts international tourists and fosters a stable environment for modern artistic expression and education.
 - D. The coexistence of Borobudur and Prambanan has led to major ongoing religious conflict that threatens the city's political stability.
 - E. Educational institutions in Yogyakarta are discouraged from teaching global subjects to maintain focus solely on traditional Javanese culture.