

UNIT 8 – LISTENING – G12

Exercise 1 – Gap-Fill

Listen to the talk about tigers and fill in the blanks with **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS OR A NUMBER**.

Over the last (1) _____, the world's wild tiger population has declined significantly. At the beginning of the 20th century, there were about (2) _____ tigers in the wild. From about 7,000–8,000 in the late 1990s, the number decreased by more than half in (3) _____.

One major reason is the loss of natural habitats. Forest clearance for agriculture, wood, and the building of (4) _____ and housing have reduced their living areas.

Another serious threat is (5) _____ and the illegal trade in tiger parts.

Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Listen to the talk and choose the correct answer **A, B, or C**.

1. How many wild tigers were there at the beginning of the 20th century?

- A. About 10,000 B. About 100,000 C. About 4,500

2. When did the number of wild tigers decrease by more than half?

- A. 1990 B. 2010 C. 2023

3. What happens when tiger habitats become smaller?

- A. Tigers move to other forests
B. Tigers stop hunting animals
C. Tigers enter villages to find food

4. Why were tigers historically poached?

- A. To use their skins for coats and decorations
B. To collect tiger bones for scientific research
C. To protect farm animals from tiger attacks

5. What was the original purpose of tiger breeding farms?

- A. To help protect wild tigers from illegal hunting
B. To produce medicines made from tiger body parts
C. To allow visitors to see and study tigers closely