## Part 3 Information Transfer

**Practice 1** /8

*Read the text below and complete the following table with* **no more than three words and/or a number** *from the text for each answer.*



**Panda, A Vulnerable Species**

Pandas are adored by the world. They are considered as a national treasure in China. They were once considered as endangered species but now they are listed as vulnerable species. These animals are still facing the danger of becoming extinct if steps to protect their survival are discontinued. The latest statistics show that there are about 1864 pandas in the wild.

Pandas have a distinctive black and white coat. A newborn panda is about 1/900th the size of its mother, about the size of a stick of butter. Females can grow up to about 70 kg while males can be as heavy as 135 kg. An adult panda can grow to more than 1.2 metres. They can only eat bamboo. They need about 11 to 37 kg of bamboo every day.

Their primary habitat is in southwest China. They live in temperate forests high in the mountains as they cannot survive well in hot climate.

The survival of this wildlife is threatened by infrastructure development. The construction of roads, dams and railways have fragmented the forests and isolated the panda population. Pandas find it difficult to search for new bamboo forests and potential mates.

One good thing is the enactment of the Wildlife Protection Act (1988). It has prevented poaching and hunting. This has helped in protecting the panda population from declining.

(Adapted from https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/giant-panda)

**PANDA**
A vulnerable species



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| Number of pandas in the wild<br>1. _____ | Colour<br>2. _____ |
| Weight of an adult female panda<br>3. _____ | Height of an adult panda<br>4. _____ |
| Weight of an adult male panda<br>5. _____ | Staple diet<br>6. _____ |
| Threat to its survival<br>7. _____ | Legally protected by<br>8. _____ |

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