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General Instructions

- Place your DU ID card on your desk throughout the examination period.
- Read the task instructions carefully.
- Use only a blue or black pen. (Pencil is allowed only for writing tasks)
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- Must abide by DU's Academic Integrity Policy (AIP)- Policy No. DU-AC-007

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تهدف سياسة النزاهة الأكاديمية بجامعة ظفار إلى تعزيز العمل الجاد والأمانة والمسؤولية و تحظر تمامًا جميع الأشكال التي تخالف النزاهة الأكاديمية، بما في ذلك الغش والتواطؤ والسرقة الأدبية والإنتحال. باختيار 'نعم' أوافق على الالتزام بسياسة النزاهة الأكاديمية.

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Reading		
Passage		20
Total		20

Writing		
Essay		20
Total		20

First Marker _____

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A. The world is facing an exceptional biodiversity issue, with one million species at risk of extinction. Among the most vulnerable are animals that are about to disappear off the planet because habitat loss, hunting, pollution, and climate change. These endangered animals play important roles in the ecosystems, and their loss would have devastating results for earth.

B. One of the main threats to endangered animals is habitat loss. As human populations expand and their activities increase, natural habitats are being destroyed at a shocking rate. Forests are cleared for agriculture and development, wetlands are drained for land use, and rivers are polluted by industrial waste. These changes are preventing endangered animals from finding food, shelter, and breeding grounds they need to survive.

C. Hunting is also a major threat to endangered animals. Some species are hunted for their meat, fur, or ivory, while others, like rare birds, are illegally caught to be sold as pets. The demand for these products is driven by luxury markets, traditional medicine practices, and the exotic pet trade. The illegal wildlife trade is a multi-billion-dollar industry that is causing serious destruction to endangered species populations.

D. Pollution is another major threat to endangered animals. Toxic chemicals from industrial waste, water from farms and fields, and urban pollution are polluting ecosystems and harming wildlife. These pollutants can cause cancer, birth defects, and other health problems in animals. They can also affect food chains and harm the reproductive systems of endangered species.

E. Climate change is worsening the threats faced by endangered animals. Rising temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, and extreme weather events are examples of climate change that are negatively affecting ecosystems and making it difficult for animals to survive. As a result of climate change, some species are being forced to travel to new habitats, while others are struggling to continue living under these changing conditions.

F. The loss of endangered animals would have devastating consequences for the planet. Animals play very important roles in ecosystems, providing food, keeping soil in good health, and other services that are essential to human well-being. Their extinction would disrupt food chains, reduce biodiversity, and weaken the stability of ecosystems.

G. There are many things we can do to protect endangered animals. We can support conservation organizations, promote sustainable practices, and reduce our consumption of products that contribute

to habitat loss and pollution. We can also educate others about the importance of protecting endangered species and encourage them to take action.

Task 1: Questions 1-4 The reading passage has seven paragraphs, A-G. Choose the correct heading for A-E from the list of headings (i-vii) below. Write the correct number, i-vii. There are three headings you won't need.   Grade _____/5

1. Paragraph A _____

2. Paragraph B _____

3. Paragraph C _____

4. Paragraph D _____

5. Paragraph E _____

List of headings
i. Impact of pollution on ecosystems and wildlife
ii. Why are animals hunted?
iii. What can we do?
iv. Causes and effects of habitat loss
v. Impact of climate change
vi. Consequences of Extinction
vii. Issue of endangered animals

Task 2: Questions 6-10 Do the following statements agree with the claims of the writer in the reading passage?

Write   Grade _____/5

YES   if the statement agrees with the claims of the writer
No   if the statement contradicts the claims of the writer
NOT GIVEN   if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this

6. Two million species are at risk of extinction. _____

7. Humans are clearing forests for agriculture and development._____

8. A rhino horn can be sold for $10000._____

9. Pollutants can cause serious health problems in animals._____

10. Using less products that contribute to habitat loss and pollution is one solution to the issue. _____

Task 3: Questions 11-15 Complete the sentences below. Choose NO MORE THAN ONE WORD from the passage for each answer.   Grade _____/5

11. Endangered animals play significant roles in the _____of our planet.

12. Natural habitat loss is caused when human _____ expand.

13. Some rare _____ are caught and sold as pets.

14. The illegal wildlife is an _____ worth several billions of dollars.

15. Because of climate change, some species travel to new habitats, while others continue to live under changing _____.

Task 4: Questions 16-20 Complete each sentence with the correct ending, A-F   Grade _____/5

16. Habitat loss is caused by _____	A. disrupt food chains and reduce biodiversity.
17. Hunting of endangered animals is driven by _____	B. the demand for luxury products and traditional medicines.
18. Pollution is caused by_____	C. the destruction of natural habitats.
19. Climate change is causing_____	D. extreme weather events and rising temperatures.
20. The loss of endangered animals would_____	E. raise the awareness of the issue.
	F. toxic chemicals from industrial waste and agricultural runoff.

WRITING EXAM

Write about any <u>ONE</u> of the following topics: Grade ____/20

1. Global warming is one of the biggest threats to our environment. What are the **causes** of global warming? What **solutions** are there to this issue?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

<u>OR</u>

2. Many animals are endangered in the world. What are the **causes** of this problem? What **solutions** do you suggest to protect animals from getting endangered?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least <u>250</u> words.

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Emerging					
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