

Year 6 Reading Assessment Non-Fiction Answer Booklet

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Questions 1 to 14 are about 'Endangered'

1. According to the introduction of the text, how many species have now been classified as 'Extinct in the Wild'?

1 mark

2. How tall was the dodo bird thought to be?

1 mark

3. What other animals does the text list as being now extinct? Tick **three**.

2 marks

passenger pigeon

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Tasmanian tiger

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West African black rhino

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black rhino

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mountain gorilla

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giant panda

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4. Look at this sentence:

"Some animals, like the bald eagle and the American alligator, were once on the brink of extinction but are now known to be recovering."

What is the meaning of the word **brink** in this sentence?

1 mark

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5. Complete this table of information about some of the animals' features in the text:

Animal	Status	Population
Mountain Gorilla	Critically Endangered	
	Critically Endangered	More than 5,000
Giant Panda		1800 in the wild

3 marks

Look at the section about the **South China Tiger**.

6. In what year did the Chinese government introduce a hunting ban?

1 mark

7. According to the text, why is this species of tiger considered to be 'functionally extinct'?

1 mark

8. Find and copy a word which means reducing or getting smaller in number.

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Look at the section about the **Giant Panda**.

9. Why might it be surprising that the giant panda is endangered? Give **two** reasons.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

10. Why are the pandas important for the bamboo forests?

1 mark

11. How do pandas living in the wild benefit other animal species?

1 mark

12. Match these facts with the correct animal in the text. One has been done for you.

Bald Eagle

Killed for the illegal trade of their horn

Mountain Gorilla

Flightless bird, now extinct

Black Rhino

Once at risk of extinction but now recovering

Dodo

Suffered from years of war, hunting, habitat destruction and disease

1 mark

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13. Give **two** reasons why animals should be saved from extinction. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

2 marks

14. Look at the section called '**What causes endangerment or extinction?**'

The text says: '*Animal extinction can occur due to natural or human causes.*'

Which reason do you think is more likely to be responsible for species becoming extinct in recent years? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

2 marks

End of questions about '*Endangered*'

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