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ENGLISH

TOPIC: COMPREHENSION PASSAGE

Name: _____

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Class: VIII Sec: ____

Read the following passage and answer the questions:

A snow leopard roars in the high mountains of Asia. A black rhinoceros gallops across the plains of Africa. A grizzly bear hunts for fish in a North American river. A mother blue whale and her calf glide through the deep waters of ocean.

All of these animals share the Earth with us. They fascinate us with their beauty, their grace, and their speed. We love observing their behaviour, and learning more about their habits. But just loving them is not enough. All of these animals are endangered. Many of them have died, and without special care, they may someday disappear from the Earth.

Why is it important to care for animals like these? One reason is to maintain the balance of life on Earth. Another reason is the beauty of the animals themselves. Each species of animal is special. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

Africa was once filled with an abundance of wild animals. But that is changing fast. One of these animals, the black rhinoceros, lives on plains of Africa. It has very poor eyesight and a very bad temper! Even though the black rhino is powerful, and can be dangerous, its strength can't always help it to escape hunters. Some people think that the rhino's horn has magical powers, and many hunters kill rhinos for their valuable horns. This has caused the black rhino to be placed on the endangered species list. The elephant seems to represent all that is strong and wild in Africa. It once had no natural enemies, but is now endangered –killed for its ivory tusks.

The fastest land animal, the cheetah, also lives in Africa. It, too, is becoming extinct as people take more and more of land that is cheetah's natural habitat.

Imagine Africa without the powerful rhino, the gentle, intelligent elephant, or the lightning quick cheetah. Once they are gone, they are gone forever.

Q Answer the following questions:

.1 A black rhinoceros lives on the plains of:

- a. Africa
- b. America
- c. South Asia
- d. India

2 Elephants are killed for their :

- a. Trunk



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Eyesc. Skind. Tusk
3.	<p>The fastest land animal is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Horseb. Camelc. Cheetahd. Leopard
4	<p>The passage highlight the need to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Control huntingb. Protect animal from being extinct/ endangeredc. Conserve elephantsd. Saving rhinoceros
5	<p>Animals fascinate us with their beauty, grace and _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Eyesb. Bodyc. Speedd. Skin
6	<p>Hunters kill black rhinos for their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Skinb. Bonesc. Hornsd. Bones
7	<p>A black rhino :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is powerfulb. Has poor eyesightc. Has bad temperd. All of the above
8	<p>State two reasons why animals need to be protected:</p> <p>A</p> <p>B</p>



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.9	Describe the African rhino in your own words
10	State the meaning of the words given below: a. Gallops b. Glide c. Endangered d. Extinct