

English 2 (First Additional Language) – Grade 6

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, scratch out the letter in the matching square on your answer sheet. Example:- If the answer to question 4 is c, then scratch out the letter c in the square containing c next to the number 4 (see example 1 below). If you've made a mistake and b should have been the answer, neatly cross out the mistake and then scratch out b (see example 2 below).

Example 1:- 

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Example 2:- 

4.	a	<del>b</del>	<del>c</del>	d
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Animals in Danger

Read the passage below to answer questions 1 – 7.

Animals are endangered for different reasons:- excessive hunting for trophies, introduced predators such as wild cats etc., destruction of habitats by human population and the use of animal parts in medicines by some countries. Here in South Africa, rhino poaching has escalated in recent years and is driven by the demand for Rhino horn in Asian countries, particularly in Vietnam. It is used in Traditional Chinese Medicine, but is also a common status symbol to display success and wealth.

Dehorning the rhinoceros, is a temporary measure to discourage the killing of rhinos by poachers. If a rhino is dehorned without cutting into the skull, it can grow back to almost full size after 3 years. However, if the rhino's skull is cut into while being dehorned, it could complicate or completely compromise the regrowth of the horn.

- The word 'herd' is often used as a collective noun for a group of rhino, but there is another collective noun that can be used. This is .....  
(a) team. (b) crash. (c) bash. (d) smash
- What do we call the male rhinoceros?  
(a) A stallion. (b) A bull. (c) A sire. (d) A ram
- The baby rhinoceros is referred to as a .....  
(a) cub. (b) calf. (c) lamb. (d) yearling.
- In the word 'dehorning', what do we call the 'de' in the word?  
(a) A pronoun. (b) A preposition. (c) A prefix. (d) A suffix.
- What is the plural form of rhinoceros?  
(a) rhinoceroses (b) rhinoceros (c) rhinoceroses (d) Both (a) and (b).
- What do we call someone who catches and kills animals illegally?  
(a) A catcher. (b) A poacher. (c) A ranger. (d) A tourist.
- To help protect the rhinoceroses from being poached, they are often .....  
(a) deboned. (b) dehorned. (c) detailed. (d) marked.

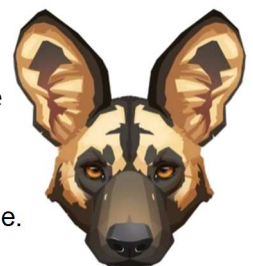


Read the extract below to answer questions 8 – 13.

Another endangered species in Africa is the African wild dog, also known as the painted hunting dog (*painted wolf*) or the Cape hunting dog. There are only four remaining populations in Africa, one of which is in the Kruger National Park. They are endangered due to habitat loss caused by human overpopulation, poaching, diseases like rabies and threats from other predators, such as lions and hyenas.

Some interesting facts about the African wild dog. Every dog's coat has a unique pattern. They have exceptionally keen senses of sight, smell and particularly hearing. Their large rounded ears, lined with numerous muscles, allow the dogs to swivel them like two radar dishes, picking up the minutest of sounds.

The wild dog pack is fascinating, with an alpha breeding pair in charge. When a litter of pups is born, they are fed by the dogs that regurgitate fresh meat after returning from a hunt. When the pups are old enough, they are then taken to the kill and given first choice over the spoils, while the other dogs wait patiently for their turn!



- What does it mean that every African wild dog has a 'unique' coat?  
(a) It has exactly the same markings as the other dogs. (b) The markings are sort of the same.  
(c) The markings are distinctive and individual. (d) The markings are mottled.

9. In the extract, it compares the dog's ears to a .....  
 (a) feeding dish. (b) satellite dish. (c) radar dish. (d) serving dish.
10. What is the **collective noun** for a group of African wild dogs?  
 (a) A herd. (b) A pack. (c) A bunch. (d) A pride.
11. A baby of the African wild dog is called a .....  
 (a) cub. (b) kid. (c) pup. (d) fawn.



*'When the pups are old enough, they are then taken to the kill and given first choice over the spoils ...'*

12. '*... given first choice over the spoils ...*', means that the .....  
 (a) pups eat first. (b) older dogs eat first.  
 (c) male dogs eat first. (d) pups eat last.
13. The **synonym** for '*tiniest*', that can be found in the extract is .....  
 (a) exceptional. (b) predator. (c) regurgitating. (d) minutest.

Read the passage below to answer questions 14 – 22.

One of the most **appealing animals** in the **world** also faces **extinction** – the giant panda. They are native to the mountain forests of southwest China. The Chinese named it '*beishung*', meaning white bear. The panda looks like a member of the bear family, but in fact is the largest member of the raccoon family!

One of the main reasons that panda populations have declined is habitat destruction. As the population in China continues to grow, the pandas' habitat gets taken over by development, pushing them into smaller and less liveable areas. Habitat destruction leads to food shortages. Pandas feed on several varieties of bamboo. The panda is handsome! It is creamy white with black stockings, a black yoke over its shoulders, and small black ears that perch on top of a great white head. Black patches cover each eye.

A proposed giant panda park that will cover about 17000 square kilometers should soon be finalised. This would almost be the size of our Kruger National Park. The park will cover areas where wild pandas already live, and will provide them with protection and a greater source of food over time.



14. Which of the words is **an adjective**?  
 (a) appealing (b) animals (c) world (d) extinction
15. The Chinese name for the panda is **not** quite right because it .....  
 (a) is a brown colour.  
 (b) has some black, and therefore can't be called a white bear.  
 (c) has brown, white and black markings.  
 (d) has no white colouring at all.
16. The panda is a member of the .....  
 (a) polar bear family. (b) brown bear family.  
 (c) raccoon family. (d) squirrel family.
17. Their main natural source of food is .....  
 (a) vegetable peelings. (b) bamboo shoots. (c) roots. (d) fruit.

18. What is the **synonym** for '*nice looking*'? (a) decline (b) handsome (c) habitat (d) stockings
19. What major problem does habitat destruction create for the pandas?  
 (a) Population growth. (b) Extinction. (c) Development. (d) Food shortages.
20. In this sentence: '*One of the most appealing animals in the world also faces extinction*'. What does '*extinction*' mean?  
 (a) Increasing. (b) Enemies. (c) Dying out. (d) Attack.
21. '*The panda is handsome!*' This sentence is a/an .....  
 (a) question. (b) sentence. (c) exclamation. (d) phrase.
22. A proposed panda park is compared in size to the .....  
 (a) Kruger National Park. (b) Etosha National Park.  
 (c) Botswana Game Park. (d) Hluhluwe–iMfolozi Park.

