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## Reading comprehension: (6Ms)

**POLAR BEARS LISTED AS THREATENED**

1- Polar bears were listed as threatened species and will receive special protection under U.S. law. In his statement, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne noted that the decline of Arctic sea ice is the greatest threat to the bears.

2- Polar bears live in the Arctic sea ice. But sea ice is melting as the planet warms, and it is predicted to continue to do so for several more decades. "Because polar bears are vulnerable to this loss of habitat, they are likely to become endangered in the future," Kempthorne said. Many scientists say that man is directly responsible for that... Hunting of polar bears as a food source by certain native people and trade in native handicrafts made from polar bears will also continue

3- Scott Bergen, a landscape ecologist, released a survey in 2007 that found two-thirds of the world's polar bears could go extinct by 2050. Bergen noted that saving the polar bear will depend on international cooperation. Permanent sea-ice habitat is likely to remain in areas outside of the U.S., particularly in Canada and Greenland. Scientists view these areas as refuges that could allow polar bear to survive and repopulate the Arctic if temperatures decrease and sea ice returns."If you take a long-term view—meaning a hundred-year view into the future," he said, "polar bears' existence is not necessarily totally dependent on what happens in the United States."

Text adapted from John Roach for National Geographic News

**1) What shows that polar bears are threatened species?**

..... (1M)

**2) Man is directly responsible for the extinction of polar bears. Justify with 2 details from the text:**

..... (1M)

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**3) Read and complete:**

Polar bears could be saved if.....



**4) Find out the synonym of:**

weak (paragraph 2) ..... (1M)

**5) what does the underlined word refer to?**

he (paragraph 3) .....(1M)

**II- language : (8Marks)**

**1) Circle the right**

**alternative: (2Ms)**



London buses are a quick, convenient and cheap way (**traveled/ traveling/ to travel**) around. London buses (**have seen/ saw/ is seeing**) many improvements in recent years. If you're a permanent resident in London aged over 60, you (**apply/ will apply/ have applied**) for a Freedom Pass for (**travel / traveling/ to travel**) around London. The Freedom Pass entitles you to free travel on London's public transport - Tube, buses, trains, Docklands Light Rail (DLR) and trams.

**2) Fill in the blanks with the right words from the list/ there are 2extra words: (3Ms)**

**however - in - astonished - on – themselves - therefore – crashed - crash**

Three years ago, a small passenger plane .....in the middle of the Borneo jungle with twenty-seven people ..... board. Rescue teams arrived at the scene of the ..... three days later. They searched the area, but found no survivors.

Two days ago, .....two people walked into a tribal village on the edge of the jungle and said that they were survivors of the plane crash. They told the ..... tribes people that they had been living in the jungle by ..... since the day of the crash. We have sent two of our reporters to Borneo to interview these amazing people. Look out for an exclusive interview in next week's *Daily Planet!*



**3) Put in the right tense and or form: (3Ms)**

S Since computers were first introduced to the public in the early 1980's, technology (**change**) ..... a great deal. The first computers were simple machines designed for basic tasks. They (**have/not**) .....much memory and they weren't very powerful. Times have changed. Computers have become powerful machines with very practical applications. Computer (**program**) .....have created a large selection of useful programs which do everything from teaching foreign languages to bookkeeping. We are still playing video games, but today's games have become (**fast**) ..... more exciting interactive adventures. Many computer users (**get/also**) ..... on the internet and begun (**communicate**) .....with other computer users ar



### III- writing:(6Ms)



*According to Professor Norman Myers, "the annual destruction rate seems set to accelerate further, and could well double in another decade...we still have half of all tropical forests that ever existed... The struggle to save the world's rainforests continues, and there is a growing worldwide concern about the issue. However, we need to know why the rainforests are being destroyed to save them." (Myers 1992)*

Write an article in your school magazine in which you talk about the causes of deforestation and what people should do to save forests.

good work

