**小猫钓鱼专项练习3**

**(A)**

A. statuses B. relevantly C. reserves D. highlighting E. population

F. estimated G. downgraded H. driving I. critically J. enforced K. reverse

Good news for giant panda lovers: the cute and cuddly creature has just been brought back from the edge of extinction.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) \_\_31[G]downgraded\_\_the species from “endangered” to “vulnerable” as the union released its updated Red List on Sept. 4 at Hawaii with their \_\_32[E]population\_\_ growing by 17 percent in the decade leading up to 2014.

Chinese conservation efforts, including forest protection and reforestation, are considered to be the \_\_33[H]driving\_ force behind the animal’s re-prosperity. The number of panda \_\_34[K]reserves\_\_ in China has also jumped to 67, from 13 in 1992. Nearly two-thirds of all wild pandas live there. Restoring the panda’s habitat has given them back their space with food available to them.

Apart from giant pandas, the Tibetan Antelope has also moved from “endangered” to “near threatened”. According to a statement from IUCN, the animal’s numbers have shrunk severely – dropping from around 1 million to a(n) \_\_35[F]estimated\_\_ 65,000–72,500 in the 1980s and early 1990s – due to commercial *poaching* (偷猎). Rigorous protection has since been \_\_36[J]enforced\_\_ to protect the beasts and the population is now likely to be between 100,000 and 150,000.

Despite the improved \_\_37[A]statuses\_\_, wild animals like the giant panda and the Tibetan Antelope still face great challenges. The IUCN warned, for example, that ongoing threats from climate change could eliminate more than 35 percent of the panda’s bamboo habitat in the next 80 years, which would \_\_38[K]reverse\_\_ the species recent gains.

Good progress has been made but there is still work to do. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species is devoted **to** \_\_39[D]highlighting\_\_ species from around the world and their statuses in relation to their risk of extinction. The list currently has eight categories, including extinct, extinct in the wild, \_\_40[I]critically\_ endangered, endangered, vulnerable, near threatened, least concern and data deficient. These categories are based on criteria relating to population trends, size and structure, and geographic range.

Topic: animal protection

Words: conservation, reserve, habitat, extinct, critically endangered (极度濒危的)，endangered

了解：vulnerable species (渐危物种), near threatened species（近危物种）

拓展：

\*reserve vt. 预定；保留，预留

~ a ticket/room/table for sb

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\*(sb) be ~ed 沉默寡言的

n. 保留；储备量(pl.)；保护区；矜持，缄默

keep a ~ of food

oil reserves

a wildlife/nature reserve

reservation n. 预约，预定；保留 make a ~

\*estimate

vt. 估计；评价；判断 It’s estimated that...

n. 估计；判断；估价[C] According to some estimates, ...

estimated adj. 估计的，预计的，估算的

There are an estimated 90,000 gangsters in the country.

这个国家估计有9万名歹徒。

\*reverse

reverse vt. 颠倒；倒退

reverse/back the car 倒车

reverse the trend/situation 扭转趋势/局面

政府未能扭转经济下滑的趋势。The government has failed to reverse the economic decline.

n. 相反的情况或事物 The truth is just the reverse.

adj. 相反的；颠倒的；反面的 in the reverse direction 朝反方向

**(B)**

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| A. resistant B. concentrating C. recognition D. resembling E. essential F. distinct  G. revealed H. approach I. appreciate J. creativity K. viewed |

***What is the new method mentioned in the passage? What does STEAM refer to?***

In recent years, there has been a growing emphasis on developing stronger science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curriculum(课程) and programs, as these disciplines are widely \_\_31[K]viewed\_\_as the means to help innovation and support national economies.

This trend reflects a shift in how school disciplines are being looked at; schools are \_\_32[B]concentrating\_\_ on subjects that have traditionally been isolated from each other — science, mathematics, and art — in favor of deeper, interdisciplinary learning. K-12 education leaders are pioneering new methods for combining the arts with STEM activities, \_\_33[D]resembling\_\_ the ways in which subjects naturally connect in the real world. While this new movement is being discussed almost clearly and directly in an education context, its roots are planted across nearly every industry. In many ways, technology is the connective tissue. Similarly, engineering new transportation technologies requires artful design. The growing \_\_34[C]recognition\_\_ of the important unions between different skills is paving the way for STEAM in schools.

Some doubts of this movement have dismissed the \_\_35[H]approach\_\_ as a mere fashion driven by artists who are concerned their profession is losing critical support in an increasingly technology-focused society. However, the Hilburn Academy argues that STEAM is not just a contemporary program of learning, but an important life philosophy — \_\_36[E]essential\_\_ for higher education and career success. Schools should provide students plentiful opportunities to \_\_37[I]appreciate\_\_ the complexities and complicated layers that include content knowledge. Early examples of STEAM learning include teaching students how mathematical concepts such as geometry(几何学) are rooted in artworks.

While the rise of STEAM learning is relatively new, there are already figures that prove that the integration of these seemingly \_\_38[F]distinct\_(distinct/resistant) disciplines is supporting student performance at school. A study conducted by the University of Florida \_\_39[G]revealed\_\_ that students who are engaged in music class do better in math. For example, female high school students enrolled in a music appreciation class scored 42 points higher on the math section of their SATs. Formal experience with the arts is proven to cultivate innovative thinking, adaptability, and other problem-solving skills that are necessary for mastering STEM abilities. In other words, \_\_40[J]creativity\_\_ is a pioneer for students to understand, use, and apply technologies in new ways.

distinct(写中文) 有区别的，不同的；明显的，清楚的

resistant adj. 抵制的；有抵抗力的

拓展：

\*dismiss

1）解散 At 12 o'clock the class was dismissed. 12点下课了。

2）打消 dismiss doubts from one’s mind=clear one’s mind of doubts打消某人的思想中的疑虑

3）解雇（4）dismiss/fire/kick out/lay off

**4）不予理会/不予考虑 \*dismiss sb/sth (as sth) （认为某人/某物...）而不予考虑**

Vegetarians are no longer dismissed as cranks. 素食主义者不再被当作怪人。

He dismissed the opinion polls as worthless. 他认为民意测验毫无用处而不予考虑。

\*drive

v. 开车；驱赶；逼迫；驱动

drive a car/drive sb to the station

drive sb away

drive/force sb to do sth

drive sb mad

driving force 驱动力

n. 驾车；干劲，驱动力；运动

It’s an hour’s drive.

launch a drive

\*concern

n.

1）有关的事 It’s no concern of mine. 这事与我无关。

2）担心；关心

**\*引起全社会的极大关注 arouse the great concern of the whole society**

**\*句型：There’s a growing/widespread concern over/about sth**

There is a growing public concern over/about the spread of the disease.

vt.

1）与...有关 That doesn’t concern us. 那与我们无关。

2）使关心；使担心 What concerns me is our lack of preparation for the change.

**\* be concerned about关心，担心...**

be increasingly concerned about the quality of life/for one’s safety

**\* be concerned with与...有关；对...感兴趣的，关切的**

**\* be concerned that...**

\*（与儿童教育）有关的所有人 all the people concerned (with children education)

\*就某人/某物而言 as far as sb/sth is concerned

\*关于 concerning=regarding=about

\***resistant adj. 抵制的；有抵抗力的，耐...的**

Some people are very resistant to the idea

耐火/防水/绝缘/耐热be ~ to fire/water/electricity/heat

防水/耐热材料 water-resistant/heat-resistant materials=water-proof/heat-proof materials

**resistance n. 抵制，反抗；抵抗力**

这一新政策遭到了市民们的强烈抵制。

This new policy has met strong resistance from citizens.

对某疾病有强/弱抵抗力 have high/low resistance to a disease

你需要增强对感冒的抵抗力。

You need to build up your resistance to colds.

resist v 抵制；抵抗

抵制变革 to resist change

抵抗疾病/攻击 to resist the disease/the attack

**\*抵抗做某事的诱惑/忍住不做某事 resist the temptation to do sth**

我忍住了没有在那个豪华的餐馆订座位，那是很昂贵的。（resist）

I managed to resist the temptation to book a table in that luxurious restaurant, which was costly.

**\*抵抗某物的诱惑 resist the temptation of sth**

要不了多久我的同学们定能学会抵制网络游戏的诱惑。（It）

It won’t be long before my classmates (fellow students) can learn to resist the temptation of online games.

**\*忍不住做某事 can’t resist/help doing sth**

我忍不住告诉了他这个秘密。I can’t resist telling him the secret.