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Some people believe that society should try to save every plant and animal species, despite the expense to humans in effort, time, and financial well-being. Others believe that society does not have the responsibility to make such extraordinary efforts to save endangered species.

范文

Since the dawn of time, species have come and gone. However, as the human population on earth has grown, the process of extinction has really sped up for some species. It is clear, then, that humans, as the cause, have the responsibility to protect and preserve endangered species.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第一,二句话简单分析了题目的背景,第三句话提出了作者的看法,
		他/她认为人类有责任保护濒危物种。
	此段功能	介绍题目背景,提出作者意见。

While humans certainly have caused the extinction of species to speed up over time, the disappearance of species due to natural selection was part of the world in which we now live. Before the appearance of human beings, a number of factors could contribute to extinction—the world is always changing. Nevertheless, as human population on earth has increased, the behavior of human beings is causing a lot of problems. Humans burn rain forests for hunting animals for game or trade. While humans are clearly a plague on the earth, there are still other reasons explaining the extinction of some species. The wild world itself is very intricate. There are predators and is prey. Rapid increase of the population of predators may also lead the extinction of their prey. The point is humans should take some or most but not all responsibility for the condition of things. As the leading cause, it is the undeniable duty of humankind to protect species endangered by our behaviors.

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段落	此段结构	分总结构。第一句话指出人类活动加速了物种灭绝,自然选择也是
		物种灭绝的原因之一。随后指出尽管有自然选择的原因,但越来越
		多的人依旧造成了物种加速消失。人类应该负大部分责任。最后一
		句总结说因为人类是加速物种小时的主要原因,所以保护因人类而
		濒危的物种是人类的责任。
	此段功能	论点一,人类是造成物种灭绝的主要原因,因此应该为此负责,不
		遗余力地保护濒危物种。

While we certainly have the responsibility to preserve the world around us, let's take a look at the matter from another angle. Let's consider, for a moment, that humans had nothing to do with the extinction of any species. Humans still have an interest in preserving just about everything that



currently exists on earth because these things benefit humankind. Something we save today could become an essential tool for our survival tomorrow. So, it is sensible to maintain the perspective that we should protect the natural environment of the creatures that roam the earth so that one day we can utilize those plants and animals to our benefit.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	这一段仍旧在最后一句提出论点,所以可看作分总结构,因为第
		一句并未直接指明角度和方向。作者在本段假设人们与任何物种
		的消失无关,人们对地球上的物种还有兴趣保护,因为保护它们
		对人类有益,这些被保护的生物会变成支持人类生存的基本。最
		后一句得出结论。
	此段功能	论点二,地球上的动植物是有益于人类的,因此应予以保护。

Let's take a look at one particular natural environment. The disappearing Amazon rainforest is said to be the lung of the earth, transforming the carbon dioxide into oxygen. Considering the human species along, we must consider how, without oxygen, we're going to live here on earth.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	用三句话举例说明亚马逊雨林的作用,证明人类不可以不保护
		它,不能不保护自然。
	此段功能	承上启下,接续上一段,举例证明上一段的观点。

However, things aren't that dramatic. The world will not simply run out of oxygen. So, humans need to consider some other very pressing issues that threaten our survival. Firstly, let's consider AIDS. There is no good reason to preserve the virus that kills people. Secondly, in accordance with Darwin's theory of nature selection, only the stronger species survive. The process of natural selection needs to be respected by humans. Third, protection should not strain people economically such that they can no longer sustain themselves.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	总分结构。第一句承接上文,第二句提出本段中心,认为人们在保
		护生物的同时需要注意一些迫切的问题。作者举了三个例子,一个
		是诸如艾滋病毒一类的有害生物,一个是需要尊重物种选择、优胜
		劣汰的规则,还有一个是保护生物不应在经济上使人们自身不保。
	此段功能	论点三,保护地球生物的同时需要考虑一些重要问题。

In conclusion, we should protect endangered species but we should do so with a high level of awareness for all other matters. This prudent, balanced approach will ensure the best possible outcome in regards to the matter of ecological protection.

	内容	详细条目
段落	此段结构	第一句话点明了作者对题目问题的看法,总结了上文的论述。第二句



	话延伸出这种意见的好处。
此段功能	总结全文论述,同时重申了作者立场。

满分要素剖析

语言表达

本文的作者在写作中用到了不少难度较高的词汇,语法使用中规中矩,但整体表意清晰明确。 作者似乎很偏爱"Let's"一词,在论述中出现此词的频率较高,提醒考生尽量不要集中地重复使用同一词汇或短语,稍作变换更能体现词汇量和英语水平。

Since the dawn of time, species have come and gone. 文章开头的第一句话很有意思的地方在于,它看上去很像纪录片里会用的语气。其实这句话就是个很简单的现在完成时时态,连 since 作为标志词也明显的一眼看得出,但 the dawn of time 搭配的用法显得很地道,因为没有干巴巴地直接表述,而是使用了 dawn 开端一词,让句子更美。

While humans are clearly a plague on the earth, there are still other reasons explaining the extinction of some species. 这句话中的 plague 是灾害、祸害、麻烦的意思,有一种因为泛滥而产生害处的含义,也就是说人口增长给环境带来很多问题。

Considering the human species along, we must consider how, without oxygen, we're going to live here on earth. 这句话把介宾短语 without oxygen 提前到 how 和 we're 之间,而不是放在句末,主要是为了强调它的内容,对应前一句提到的亚马逊雨林的制氧作用。

Third, protection should not strain people economically such that they can no longer sustain themselves. 这句话中的 such that 是"如此…以致…"的意思。

逻辑结构

本题要求考生对是否应该不遗余力地拯救濒危物种发表意见。作者认为人类应当对保护濒危物种负责,并且给出了辩证的三点理由。这三点理由分别是(1)人类是导致物种消亡的主要原因,所以应对此负主要责任;(2)保护濒危物种有利于人类生存;(3)在实行保护的同时应当注意一些迫切的问题。它们比较全面地涵盖了支持人类保护濒危物种的理由。



