**Unit 8 Self-test**

**I. Vocabulary**

**Choose the appropriate word or expression to fill in each blank.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in drugs or guns is the immoral side of globalization.

A. Consumption B. Trafficking C. Transportation D. Commercialization

2. A large quantity of drugs was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the raid.

A. captured B. caught C. seized D. segregated

3. Dinosaurs have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for millions of years.

A. extinct B. distinct C. destined D. distinguished

4. Human activities are disturbing both the structure and functions of ecosystems and altering native \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. variety B. biodiversity C. diversification D. difference

5. In its natural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the tree will grow up to 25 feet.

A. den B. dwelling C. habitat D. residence

6. Congress has criticized new government measures to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crime.

A. protest B. resist C. strike D. combat

7. The result will inevitably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speculation about the future of the stock market.

A. add B. acquire C. fuel D. fill

8. The number of staff has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from 217,000 to 114,000.

A. declined B. descended C. reclined D. inclined

9.

---It sounds like a really effective tool in protecting wildlife? Now, can you give us an example? What can a conservation drone do?

---For instance, we can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ illegal logging activities with such a drone.

A. take track of B. make track of C. follow track of D. keep track of

10.

--The government is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down on the wildlife trafficker. As the news reported, there is altogether 7 tons of ivory seizures. What is the government going to do with them?

-- Well, they would be destroyed, all of them.

A. clamming B. clamping C. banning D. prohibiting

**II. Listening Comprehension**

**News Report**

**Directions:** *In this section, you will hear one news report. At the end of the news report, you will hear three questions. Both the news report and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D).*

**Questions 1 to 3 are based on the news report you have just heard.**

1. A. One common threat.

B. No easy answers.

C. Human activity.

D. Not enough food.

2. A. Lack of funds.

B. Lack of community support.

C. Lack of in-country expertise.

D. Lack of concern.

3. A. 94 percent.

B. 90 percent.

C. 100 species

D. More than half of all species.

**Script**

Primates face one common threat: loss of habitat, the places in nature where they live. Primatologists like Jo Setchell say human activity is to blame.

More than half of all primate species are grouped in four countries: Brazil, Indonesia, Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Another primatologist Paul Garber says each of these countries is working to help protect the primates in their areas. “But often, there is neither the funds, community support nor in-country expertise to address their conservation problems.”

Madagascar is a good example of these problems, he says. It is home to over 100 primate species; almost all of them live nowhere else. And 94 percent of them are endangered. Ninety percent of the original forests of Madagascar have been cut down, Garber says.

Neither Garber nor Setchell have any easy answers about how to stop this road to extinction.

They do say the clearest way is to slow human activity in primates’ habitats. They also say the decrease is reversible if humans make primate habitat conservation a top concern.

**Questions**

1. What causes the loss of habitat of primates?
2. Which is NOT the problem the four countries face in the protection of primates?
3. How many primate species in Madagascar are endangered?

**Key:** 1. C 2. D 3. A

**Long Conversation**

**Directions:** *In this section, you will hear one long conversation. At the end of the conversation, you will hear four questions. Both the conversation and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D).*

**Questions 4 to 7 are based on the long conversation you have just heard.**

4. A. To make the man feel happy.

B. To persuade the man to shop with his kids.

C. To convince the man that Christmas is worth spending.

D. To prevent the man from spending too much shopping.

5. A. At a Christmas party.

B. Not long before Christmas.

C. At the New Year’s Eve.

D. On some day of April.

6. A. He looks forward to it.

B. He made complaints about it.

C. He enjoys it.

D. He is indifferent to it.

7. A. Pay off Christmas bills.

B. Try to earn more money.

C. Prepare for Christmas.

D. Limit his wife’s expense.

**Script**

W**:** Are you all ready for Christmas?

M**:** Are you kidding? I haven’t even started. I’ve done zero shopping.

W**:** Well, you’d better get going; Christmas is only a week away.

M**:** I have to tell you that I’m one of those people who really get stressed out by the Christmas rush.

W**:** Oh, I’m not. I love the holidays. I love the crowds, the shopping, the holidays, the music, the food, the parties, and all the presents.

M**:** That’s just the beginning. My wife always spends too much money on Christmas. The average Christmas expense for US families is about $550. But somehow I always spend about twice that much. It takes me till April to pay off all our Christmas bills.

W**:** But didn’t you use to love Christmas when you were a kid?

M**:** I guess so. I don’t remember.

W**:** I know you did. You were the most excited kid in the whole class I remember. Maybe Christmas is for kids, but you can still enjoy it through the eyes of your children.

M**:** Well, kids enjoy it because they don’t have to do all the shopping and pay all the bills.

W**:** Maybe that’s true. But you know as well as I do, that Christmas is more than shopping and trees. It’s about what’s in your heart and how you can make others happy.

M**:** You’re right. You’re absolutely right. I’m going to try harder to be nice to people and try to keep the true spirit of Christmas in my heart.

W**:** I’m glad to hear it.

**Questions:**

4. What does the woman try to do in the conversation?

5. When does the conversation take place?

6. What is the man’s attitude toward Christmas?

7. What will the man most probably do after the conversation?

**Key**: 4. C 5. B 6. B 7. C

**Passage**

**Directions:** *In this section, you will hear one passage. At the end of the passage, you will hear three questions. Both the passage and the questions will be spoken only once. After you hear a question, you must choose the best answer from the four choices marked A), B), C) and D).*

**Questions 8 to 10 are based on the passage you have just heard.**

8. A. Four days.

B. Fourteen days.

C. A week.

D. Four weeks.

9. A. The [markets](http://traveler.nationalgeographic.com/2009/03/shanghai-photography) in Shanghai.

B. The Forbidden City.

C. The Great Wall.

D. The Shaolin Temple.

10. A. Learning about the Wenchuan Earthquake.

B. Helping to preserve precious pandas at Bifengxia.

C. Visiting the [Terracotta Warriors in Xi’an](http://blogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/intelligenttravel/2010/02/see-the-warriors-in-xian.html).

D. Staying at the guesthouses.

**Script**

What better way to get to know China than through hanging out with its wonderful creatures? [Planeterra](http://www.planeterra.org/pages/about_us/12.php) is a non-profit organization. It organizes trips for travelers. [Project China](http://www.planeterra.org/pages/voluntours/18.php?id=25) is a 14-day trip through several provinces of China. It includes four days of panda-sitting time at [Bifengxia Panda Centre](http://www.pandasinternational.org/volunteer.html). Some of the less than 1,000 giant pandas left in the world live there.

The two-week long trip includes visits to the [markets](http://traveler.nationalgeographic.com/2009/03/shanghai-photography) in Shanghai, the [Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi’an](http://blogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/intelligenttravel/2010/02/see-the-warriors-in-xian.html), the Forbidden City, and the Shaolin Temple. But the experience you’ll never forget is the four days spent at Bifengxia. Volunteers meet with Centre researchers to learn about the challenges in breeding the pandas. They’ll also learn more about the 14 cubs born at Bifengxia. They are the cubs of the [65 pandas relocated](http://blogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/intelligenttravel/2008/07/panda-rescue-efforts-in-china.html) after the Wenchuan Earthquake. Volunteers will assist the researchers with varying tasks. Activities might include gathering food for the pandas or cleaning their habitats.

“There are not a lot of places you can volunteer with pandas…this is a highlight of the trips we currently offer doing wildlife conservation in Asia,” said Manning. The trip costs [$1,899 per person](http://www.gapadventures.com/trips/project-china/ACPJ/2010/), with departures from June to October. Accommodations throughout the trip, Manning noted, will be “largely small hotels and guest houses,” and meals which are not included, will cost about $4-6 a piece.

Whether it’s your first or fifth time to China, Planeterra’s Project China offers you the chance to establish a unique bond with China by helping to preserve its precious pandas.

**Questions:**

8. How long will the trip last?

9. Which place is not included in the tour?

10. What will be the highlight of the trip?

**Key**: 8. B 9.C 10.B