1. **Why does the author write this article?**
2. **Compared with *Plant Earth,* what is new in *Planet Earth II ?***
3. **How do people feel when watching difference scenes?** ,

**New show takes us all over Earth**

**If you only have time to watch one television series in the whole of 2016, “you have to make it Planet Earth II”,** the Digital Spy website noted.  
  
**Planet Earth II, which came out on Nov 6, is more than a second series of the BBC’s 2006 wildlife documentary Planet Earth.** According to British naturalist David Attenborough, the voice heard during the show, a lot has changed in the past 10 years.  
  
**Technology now allows us to get much closer to animals than ever before.** For example, the ultra high-definition (超高清) cameras were put on drones (无人机) so they could film hard-to-get images such as those of dangerous animals. Drones can also take cameras to places where helicopters (直升机) cannot fly – for instance, thick forests and small spaces between rocks.  
  
“What Planet Earth II is doing is saying, ‘Let’s get ourselves into the lives of the animals, and see it through their eyes,’” Mike Gunton, one of the show’s producers, told The Independent website.  
  
Apart from making the environments look almost real in high definition, **the series has also made people feel strong emotions. I**n one episode (剧集), the chase between baby iguanas (鬣蜥) and a group of snakes had the audience at home feeling equally **excited and scared.** Iguana after iguana is chased down and choked to death on the sands, before one baby iguana narrowly escapes up a rock. When an animal fights its enemy, “don’t expect this to be a completely sunny look at nature. The darker side is in there”, the Daily Mail newspaper noted.  
  
Across the show’s six episodes, audiences have seen some truly **amazing** scenes of animals living their lives on remote islands, on hostile (环境恶劣的) mountains, in flooded jungles (丛林) and, most recently, in cities.  
  
In one scene, leopards (豹) go into Mumbai, the densely populated Indian city, and hunt down their prey using the noise of the city to hide their approach.  
  
In another scene, things get difficult for audiences to deal with, as baby turtles, disorientated (迷失) by city lights, mistakenly crawl from the beach toward the urban environment where they meet all kinds of sad fates (命运), including being run over and getting trapped (被困的) down storm drains (排水管道).  
  
“It’s called Planet Earth II and, in the 10 years since the first Planet Earth, **it has become possible to get even closer to nature, show things in new ways, show new things.** The planet itself has changed in those 10 years, too; **never has it been more fragile (脆弱的) and precious,**” The Guardian commented.

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**2. What can support the viewpoint that TCM has been getting more and more popular over the world?**

**3. What challenges does TCM face?**

**Medicine interests world**

It has been around for centuries, but up until very recently, **traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) wasn’t fully accepted outside of China.**

Proof of this can be found in The Treatment (《刮痧》), a 2001 film that tells the story of a Chinese man in the US **who’s accused of abuse** after he uses guasha, a form of TCM treatment, to cure his grandson’s disease.

**During the last 10 years or so, however, TCM has been getting more and more popular all over the world.** A report released by the State Council Information Office on Dec 6 says this style of healthcare, which includes different forms like **herbal medicine** and **exercise**, has spread to 183 countries and regions.

**“Governments of 86 countries and regions have signed agreements with the Chinese government on TCM cooperation**,” Wang Guoqiang, head of the State Administration (行政部门) of traditional Chinese medicine, said at a news conference on Dec 6.

For instance, in Lima, the capital of Peru, there are around 50 Chinese medicine clinics (诊所). Around 70 percent of them were set up by local doctors. TCM is becoming increasingly popular among the people of Peru.

Caryn Centeno, a 40-year-old worker who had been troubled for many years by back problems, talked about her feelings after she tried traditional Chinese medicine. “It is surprising that my situation has improved so greatly after trying acupuncture (针灸) twice. I am full of confidence now,” she told Xinhua.

“Through traditional Chinese medicine, my children and I are getting increasingly interested in Chinese culture,” she added.

**Meanwhile, more and more foreign students and health professionals are coming to study and practice TCM in China.** Diarra Boubacar, 52, from Mali in West Africa, now works at Xindu District Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Chengdu, Sichuan Province.

When he first arrived in China in 1984, he planned to study Western medicine, but he later chose to study TCM. “I thought I should learn things about China since I am here. Only in China can you study Chinese medicine,” he told China Radio International.

Although TCM is becoming increasingly popular, it still faces challenges. For example, **there are difficulties in being able to prove exactly what certain drugs are made up of, as well as being able to keep the effects the same every time.**

Some researchers have suggested TCM should be more exact and come together with Western medicine.

**“Bringing together Western medicine and TCM, rather than being in competition, is where the potential for great effects is,**” Bernhard Schwartlander, the China representative (代表) of the World Health Organization, told China Daily.

**My great present**

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| **fascinated, charged, circle, shouted, fed, sensed, slowed, presence, name, bathed,**  **content, fix, gently, rushed, lit up** |

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I was 7 years old that Christmas Eve in 1952, and as I did my chores on our Ohio farm I wondered if Santa would \_\_3\_\_\_ my sister Betty’s old toys for me. Dad had sent them to Santa at the beginning of the month.

I\_\_\_4\_\_\_to the barn and hit Betty, who was carrying straw (稻草) for the calves (牛犊).

“Watch where you’re going!” she \_\_5\_\_\_. “Why are you in such a hurry?” Then she smiled knowingly. “You know we can’t go into the house until Santa turns on the Christmas tree lights and all the milking and feeding are done.”

After I\_\_6\_\_\_the calves, I opened the door of the barn and saw that night had come. A bulb in the corner of the barn \_\_\_7\_\_\_the falling snow a little. The snow fell \_\_\_8\_\_, forming a curtain in front of the house.

My breathing (呼吸) \_\_9\_\_\_ as I watched the snow fall. I wondered: Did Santa do what Dad asked? Would I get my gifts?

The barn seemed to answer my questions with the sounds of the calves, the rabbits and the cows. All the ordinary sounds I heard every day became \_\_10\_\_\_ with the presence of something I couldn’t \_\_\_11\_\_\_. I felt a sense of peace settling all around.

At that moment, the Christmas tree lights came on. I was \_\_12\_\_\_. I wanted to stay with that feeling of being part of it all. Presents? I would be happy with whatever I got.

My brother Dave looked out the door. “Hey, the lights are on! Jim and Betty have only four more cows to milk. Won’t be long now. Come on!”

“Isn’t everything beautiful, Dave? The snow, the lights, the barn?” Dave didn’t hear me. “Yes, it is,” I said softly.

We felt excited as all four of us kids ran to the house. The Christmas tree’s soft lights \_\_13\_\_ the living room in warm colors. Then I saw my gifts: the repainted toys, the new sheets in a flower design and my favorite doll with new clothes made of the same material as mine.

As I played with my doll and put her in her new bed, I saw my parents sitting and watching. They looked \_\_14\_\_\_. Again I felt the same \_\_15\_\_\_as in the barn. Only then did I know its name: love.

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