

TASK 2 A Problem/Solution Essay

Sample answer Band Score 8

In the past thirty years, many animal species have become extinct. This is a terrible tragedy but it is also a needless one. Many of these species were wiped out because of human action, or in some occasions, inaction. The question is whether we can learn from our errors, or whether we will continue to ruin our ecosystem.

A major cause of species extinction is the destruction of habitat. This happens when forests are cut down or jungle is devastated and the native animals not only can lose their place of shelter, but their food sources. This is the case with orang-utans, bears, rhinoceros – all from different continents – but facing the same problems. The creation of dams and the diversion of streams are also creating problems for aquatic species. When this happens, they can no longer live, breed or migrate in the water resources they need. Creatures living in water also face the extra problem of pollution. This is going on in many places of the world: because of industry waste that pours into rivers, fish and frogs are poisoned, and in the oceans, because of the rubbish that people throw away, marine species are frequently killed when eating it.

Government action is what is required to tackle these issues. Our leaders need to create legislations which protects the natural environment; developers must not be allowed to destroy areas that endangered species require, and industries should be penalised for their waste. Furthermore, if we want to ensure the survival of these species, we should all take responsibility and find out what we can do to help. Because in the age of the internet, there's no excuse for remaining in ignorance.
(280 words)

Task Response: 8 All parts of the task are fully addressed. A well-developed response to the question is given, with relevant and extended ideas, and supporting examples.

Coherence and Cohesion: 7 Information is logically organised and there is clear progression. There is a clear central topic within each paragraph. However, there is some over-use of cohesive devices.

Lexical Resource: 8 A wide range of vocabulary is used fluently and flexibly to convey precise meaning. Some uncommon lexical items are used skilfully, but there are occasional inaccuracies in word choice.

Grammatical Range and Accuracy: 8 A wide range of structures are used, and there are only occasional errors.