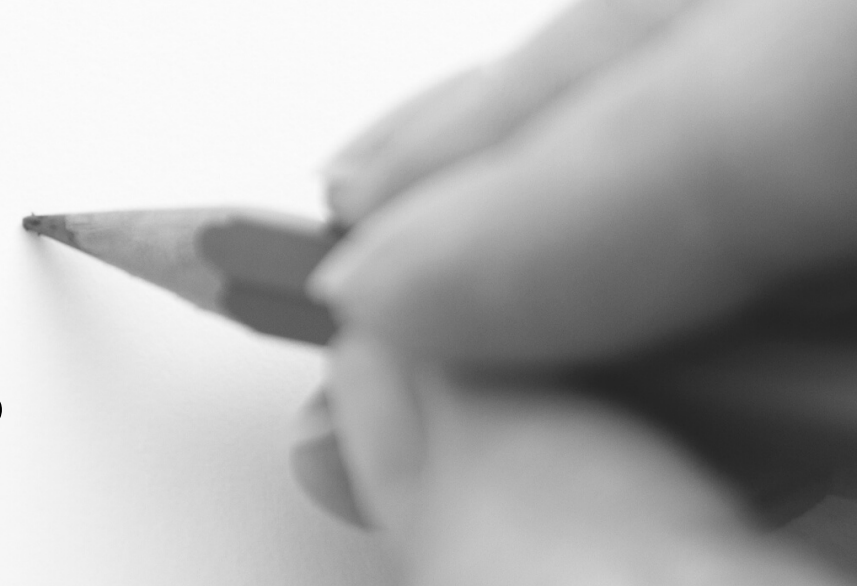


Master IELTS Writing Task 2

Model answer – NATURE AND ANIMALS Problems + Solutions



Iain

Rebecca

FORMER IELTS EXAMINERS

Prepare for {IELTS}

ESSAY QUESTION

PROBLEMS + SOLUTIONS

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 250 words

Nominalisation

happens when we include lots of longer noun phrases in our writing. It makes essays seem more formal

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

INTRODUCTION

All around the world, the irresponsible actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. In the near future, we face the possibility of losing some species forever. This is a major concern, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening ecological imbalance. Therefore, pressure needs to be put on governments and individuals to tackle this problem.

Try to learn more complex phrases to refer to different places and times

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

INTRODUCTION

All around the world, the irresponsible actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. **In the near future**, we face the possibility of losing some species forever. This is a major concern, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening ecological imbalance. Therefore, pressure needs to be put on governments and individuals to tackle this problem.

The examiner will be impressed with **collocations**

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

INTRODUCTION

All around the world, the irresponsible actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. In the near future, we **face the possibility** of losing some species forever. This is a **major concern**, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening **ecological imbalance**. Therefore, **pressure needs to be put on** governments and individuals to **tackle this problem**.

irresponsible = not thinking/caring enough about the possible results of what you do

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

INTRODUCTION

All around the world, the **irresponsible actions** of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. In the near future, we face the possibility of losing some species forever. This is a major concern, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening ecological imbalance. Therefore, pressure needs to be put on governments and individuals to tackle this problem.

ecological =
connected to the
environment

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

INTRODUCTION

All around the world, the irresponsible actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. In the near future, we face the possibility of losing some species forever. This is a major concern, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening **ecological imbalance**. Therefore, pressure needs to be put on governments and individuals to tackle this problem.

An **imbalance** occurs when two or more things which should be equal are not equal

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

INTRODUCTION

All around the world, the irresponsible actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. In the near future, we face the possibility of losing some species forever. This is a major concern, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening ecological **imbalance**. Therefore, pressure needs to be put on governments and individuals to tackle this problem.

If you **tackle** a problem, you find a solution to it or a way of dealing with it

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

INTRODUCTION

All around the world, the irresponsible actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. In the near future, we face the possibility of losing some species forever. This is a major concern, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening ecological imbalance. Therefore, pressure needs to be put on governments and individuals to **tackle** this **problem**.

This is a strong topic sentence for a paragraph which explains the causes of a problem

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

You can use linking words and phrases to show how the ideas in a paragraph connect

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. **Firstly**, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, **consequently**, some species struggle to survive. **In addition**, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. **For example**, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. **A further factor is** the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. **For instance**, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

Deforestation describes the cutting down of trees in a large area, or the destruction of a forest

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, **deforestation** is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

We can sometimes use **the** when we use an –ing form as a noun

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. **The cutting down of trees** destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, **the killing of animals** for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

An animal's **habitat** is the environment where it naturally lives

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys **animal habitats**, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

fur = the thick hair which covers the bodies of some animals

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or **fur** has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

horns = hard,
pointed parts
which grow from
some animals'
heads

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or **fur** has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their **horns**, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

If an animal species is **on the brink of extinction** this type of animal may soon disappear completely

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some **on the brink of extinction**. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

The **present perfect** is used to describe past actions when we do not know the exact time, or when that time doesn't matter

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos **have been killed** for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

caused = which
has been caused
(this is a **participle
clause**)

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment **caused** by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

to **classify** = to
divide objects into
groups according
to their type

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now **classified** as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

Try to use
specialist words to
describe people

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

This phrase lets
you put forward a
suggestion or
good idea

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, **it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis**. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

to **halve** = to
reduce by 50%

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that **halving** global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

to **alleviate** = to
make a bad thing
less severe/bad

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to **alleviate** this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

mass production = the process of making lots of goods cheaply and quickly in a factory, using machines

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. **Mass production** of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

to **manufacture** =
to produce lots of
goods, usually in
factories using
machines

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often **manufactured** using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

to **address** = to
give attention to
or deal with a
problem or issue

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. **Addressing** our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

rampant = getting worse quickly and in a way which is not controlled

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our **rampant** materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

materialism = the belief that having money and possessions is the best way to be happy

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant **materialism** could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

unless = if not

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

We can use **unless**
in a subordinate
clause...

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

...and add a main clause to make a complex sentence. This is a conditional sentence

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

precarious = in a dangerous state; not being safe

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a **precarious** and uncertain **future**. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

This is a **continuous passive** form. The active sentence is 'Nobody is doing enough to tackle this issue'

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough **is being done** to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

to **combat** = to
fight against
something; to try
to stop something
bad from
happening

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to **combat** our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

apathy = a lack of interest or energy; an unwillingness to take action over an important matter

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our **apathy** is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

If you **raise awareness**, you make people understand an issue and realise that it is important

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to **raise** the **awareness** of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.

Using **relative clauses** is a great way of making your writing more cohesive and better connected

More and more animal species are becoming extinct as a result of human activity on land and at sea. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem?

CONCLUSION

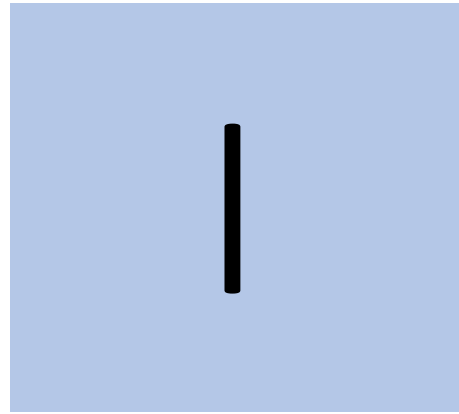
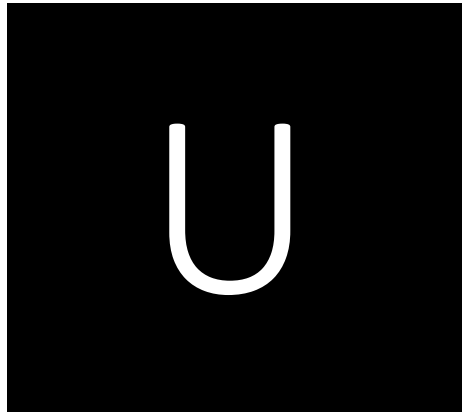
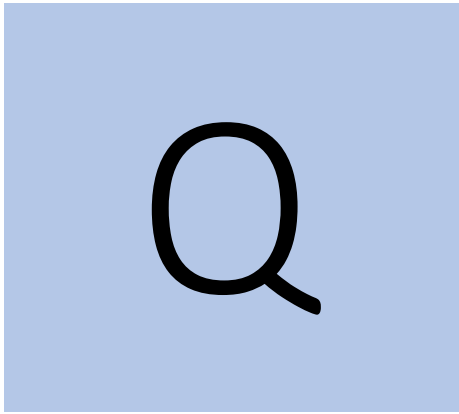
Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect **the natural world** on **which** we depend.

All around the world, the irresponsible actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures. In the near future, we face the possibility of losing some species forever. This is a major concern, as the disappearance of just a few animals might create a frightening ecological imbalance. Therefore, pressure needs to be put on governments and individuals to tackle this problem.

There are a variety of reasons why the world is facing this environmental crisis. Firstly, deforestation is a major factor. The cutting down of trees destroys animal habitats, and, consequently, some species struggle to survive. In addition, the killing of animals for food, medicines or fur has left some on the brink of extinction. For example, many rhinos have been killed for their horns, and they are now on the endangered species list. A further factor is the massive change in the environment caused by global warming. For instance, polar bears are now classified as endangered, and may disappear altogether.

Ecologists, environmental scientists and campaigners have suggested possible solutions. For example, it has been proposed that halving global meat consumption would help to alleviate this crisis. In addition, reducing the quantity of products we purchase would be beneficial. Mass production of goods - which are often manufactured using fossil fuels - has contributed to climate change. Addressing our rampant materialism could significantly improve the prospects for the planet and the creatures which inhabit it.

Unless we make fundamental changes, many animals face a precarious and uncertain future. Unfortunately, not enough is being done to tackle this issue. Perhaps the most effective way to combat our apathy is to raise the awareness of the world's seven billion inhabitants, in the hope that together, by putting pressure on those in power, we can begin to defend and protect the natural world on which we depend.



Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

All around the world, the _____ actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures.

A

irresistible

B

irresponsible

C

irreconcilable

D

irrational

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

All around the world, the _____ actions of humankind are directly affecting the existence of many creatures.

A

irresistible

B

irresponsible

C

irreconcilable

D

irrational

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Governments and environmentalists need to raise _____ about the terrible threat which many species face.

A

doubts

B

fears

C

awareness

D

taxes

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Governments and environmentalists need to raise _____ about the terrible threat which many species face.

A

doubts

B

fears

C

awareness

D

taxes

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

There is a lot of _____ in the world about the environmental crisis. Many people don't seem interested in dealing with this terrible problem.

A allergy

B empathy

C apathy

D sympathy

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

There is a lot of _____ in the world about the environmental crisis. Many people don't seem interested in dealing with this terrible problem.

A allergy

B empathy

C apathy

D sympathy

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

What do we call the belief that having money and possessions is the best way to be happy?

A

socialism

B

materialism

C

anarchism

D

conservatism

Prepare for {**IELTS**}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

What do we call the belief that having money and possessions is the best way to be happy?

A

socialism

B

materialism

C

anarchism

D

conservatism

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

If governments could _____ poverty, the world would be a much better place.

A

allocate

B

abbreviate

C

alleviate

D

calculate

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

If governments could _____ poverty, the world would be a much better place.

A allocate

B abbreviate

C alleviate

D calculate

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The action of cutting down lots of trees in a large area is called...

A

deforestation

B

flattening

C

desertification

D

erosion

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The action of cutting down lots of trees in a large area is called...

A

deforestation

B

flattening

C

desertification

D

erosion

Prepare for {IELTS}

Master IELTS Writing Task 2

Thanks for watching!



FORMER IELTS EXAMINERS

Prepare for {**IELTS**}