

Challenge Station on Text Types

How is a letter to the editor usually structured? Write the correct letters in the boxes. Then choose the best answer for each question by blackening the circle.

A. Closing paragraph

B. Greeting

C. Opening paragraph

D. Body

E. Complimentary close

1. Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Jerry Lau's letter 'Human beings should not be responsible for animal extinction', dated 11th July, 20XX. I would like to express my total disagreement with his stance and bring it to your attention that many significant aspects were not considered.

2.

First, to cater to the expanding world population, forests worldwide are being destroyed for urbanisation. Trees are logged for timber and for space. While we humans get what we want, animals lose what they need for survival—a home. With its habitat bulldozed, most wildlife is now at risk of extinction. The Black Spider Monkey is a representative example. The species is now endangered, thanks to deforestation in the Amazon. In addition, these monkeys are frequently hunted by indigenous people. It is undeniable that their existence is threatened by human activity. Humans are therefore greatly responsible for animal extinction!

3.

In the meantime, animals are also endangered because of human's cruelty. Photos of injured and killed animals can be seen on the Internet from time to time. Sharks are found without fins, elephants without their tusks and tigers shot dead and flayed. Considering the great pain that these targeted species suffer before they die, I think it is both illogical and immoral to turn a blind eye to the inseparable connection between animal extinction and human activity.

To conclude, human activity is the culprit of animal extinction. While there are unquestionably other factors that should be taken into account, the fact that animals are being killed and hurt to our advantage should never be neglected.

4.

5. [?]
Anita Wong

6. The word 'his' in line 4 refers to _____.

A. the editor's

B. Jerry Lau's

7. In line 17, the word 'Considering' can best be replaced by '_____'.
Line 17: Considering the great pain that these targeted species suffer before they die, I think it is both illogical and immoral to turn a blind eye to the inseparable connection between animal extinction and human activity.

A. As a consequence of

B. In view of

8. The '?' in line 23 can best be replaced by '_____'.
Line 23: [?] Anita Wong

A. Yours,

B. Yours faithfully,