

Revision 4

Listen!



You are Joyce. You are reading a letter to the editor in the newspaper about animal rights.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my opinion on the subject that 'animals should be protected by animal rights'. Personally, I am in support of this point of view and I think animals deserve equal respect as humans do, that is, they should also be able to live freely and be protected from suffering of any kind.

Like humans, animals have a complex nervous system so they can also feel pain. In addition, researchers and scientists found that animals also have emotions. They too experience anger, happiness and sadness like we do. So why don't they deserve to be protected from unnecessary pain and suffering?

Animals are creatures that are not the same as us, but that does not mean they are any less worthy. They have basic needs as humans do, say hunger, thirst, mating and sleep. They want to live a peaceful life like we do. They should not be kept captive in zoos for humans' pleasure, nor should they be sent to laboratories for product testing. They should not be abused, tortured, exploited or killed.

Meanwhile, many people take the opposing stance since they consider humans the most intelligent and capable species in the world. They think that the interests of animals should never be equated with that of humans. These people believe that animal rights supporters have gone too far by overstating the desperation of animals. However, I think that we, as 'the soul of the universe' we claim ourselves to be, should live up to this name by showing our care and respect to other living creatures.

I hope people would respect the rights of all animals.

Yours faithfully,

Lawrence Chung

(275 words)

Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the letter to the editor. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

- In line 1, the word 'subject' means _____.
 - A. the thing that is being discussed or studied
 - B. an area of knowledge that is studied in school
 - C. a person, thing, or situation that is written about in a book
 - D. the focus in an email
- According to the letter to the editor, what kind of suffering may animals have experienced?
 - A. being abandoned by pet owners
 - B. being poached for their body parts
 - C. being kept in zoos or tested on in laboratories
 - D. none of the above
- According to the writer, _____ are the soul of the universe.
 - A. researchers and scientists
 - B. animal rights supporters
 - C. all animals
 - D. all humans
- In line 18, the word 'overstating' can best be replaced by '_____'.
 - A. minimising
 - B. ignoring
 - C. boasting
 - D. exaggerating
- In which of the following magazines will you most probably find the letter to the editor?
 - A. *Sports World Bi-weekly*
 - B. *Nature & Wildlife*
 - C. *Fashion Pioneer*
 - D. *Money Master*

Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the letter to the editor.
Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. Why can animals feel pain like humans?

2. Why does the writer ask the question at the end of paragraph 2?

- A. to look for an answer B. to express doubts and frustrations
 C. to prompt readers to think D. to argue with readers who hold different views

3. People hold different views on the matter of animal rights. What arguments can they present to support their stances?

Supporters: _____

Opponents: _____

4. Decide whether each of the following statements is **True**, **False** or the information is **Not Given**. Blacken one circle only for each statement.

Statement	T	F	NG
(a) The writer does not agree that animals deserve humans' respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(b) Some people worry that if animals have equal rights like humans, humans will no longer be more superior creatures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(c) Supporters of animal rights overstate the problem that animals face.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

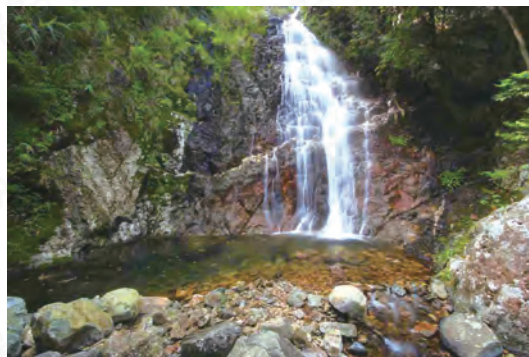
5. Find a phrasal verb that means 'to be as good as' in paragraph 4.

Part C Vocabulary

Complete the article by filling in the blanks with the words provided. One of the words is not used.

mountains polar regions flooding
waterfalls cages streams
typhoons earthquakes drought

Compared to other Asian regions, Hong Kong is a safe place when it comes to natural disasters. Taking Japan as an example, it is always under the threat of ❶ _____ because it is located along the Pacific Ring of Fire, the world's most active earthquake belt. The Philippines is always struck by ❷ _____ because it is located in the tropical region. When a typhoon hits, houses may be destroyed and washed away in storms. In China, there are news reports about ❸ _____ all year round, especially during summer when heavy rains flood the river banks.



Hong Kong is more than a blessed land with rarely any natural disasters. It is also known for its beautiful natural scenery. It never snows like the ❹ _____ do, but there are many fascinating ❺ _____ for hiking. Ng Tung Chai is one of the popular hiking spots. Beware, however, that you may run into wild animals—boars that are not kept in ❻ _____. You may see fish swimming in small ❼ _____ and listen to the sound of nature, such as the endless, soothing sound of ❸ _____!

Living in a safe and gorgeous place is a blessing. We should therefore cherish what we have in our homeland.