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## **SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION**

### **Text I (35 marks)**

**Read the text carefully and answer all the questions that follow.**

- I Many of us have taken birds for granted. We just see them as animals and we fail to see how these creatures play crucial roles in the environment. Unlike many of us, the early coal miners had no doubt about the importance of birds. Before the introduction of gas detectors, the miners brought along canaries into the mine shafts with them. The canaries reacted to the presence of toxic gases before humans did, thus allowing the miners to escape the danger zone. Birds -not just canaries, but every single species- react to the health of the environment. As such, they become reliable barometers for measuring the quality of air. In addition, birds are also used as indicators for the biodiversity of an area. Conservation biologists have used changes in birds' population, changes in their behaviour and reproductive ability to examine the effects of the degradation of their habitats. In general, birds are important and they are now facing serious threats of becoming extinct and efforts are taken to resolve this.
- II The first threat of extinction that birds face is unsustainable development. Although development is necessary, indiscriminate destructions of birds' habitats like clearing of forests for new townships or other development projects such as constructions of dams or highways could bring these creatures to a tragic end. It is estimated that nearly 75 per cent of bird species living in forests around the world are vulnerable to extinction due to the destructions of their habitats from deforestation. In Brazil for example, in 2019 it was estimated that 350 species of birds were in danger of becoming extinct in the next ten years. Brazil has rapidly cleared thousands of hectares of forest lands for development and many of these development projects are not up to the standard set by the International Authority of Environment Assessment Criteria for Sustainable Development.
- III The second threat of extinction that is faced by species of birds is pet trades. Birds are taken from the wild and sold to pet shops. This is done by either hunting or trapping. In Brazil, parrots and cockatoos are known to have high demands in pet trades. People are keen to have parrots as pets because of their intelligence. According to the National Audubon Society, parrots have problem-solving capabilities and cognitive skills that indicate a high degree of intelligence. They can use tools and even count from left to right. In addition, parrots have become many people's favourite pets because they have the desire to interact with people. Parrots are creatures that flock, meaning that they are used to having companions at all times. They want friends as much as humans do. Many parrots are very affectionate, even cuddly with trusted people, and love the

constant attention from their owners. Many sing to their owners, sometimes talk to them and play with them.

- IV Another threat of extinction that birds face is human activities. Fishing activities for example, can cause sea birds such as the albatross to face the risk of accidental drowning after becoming entangled in fishing lines which are set to catch tuna. It is common to see many albatrosses become the victims of circumstances when it is the season for catching tuna in the North American seas. Other than this, the excessive use of DDT, a pesticide in the agriculture sector in the United States of America in the 1950s led to a massive declining number of birds such as the bald eagle, osprey and brown pelican. The decline of the skylark, a common species across Europe can be traced to agriculture activities that have caused an imbalance in the skylark's food chain that leads to food scarcity among this species.
- V In the efforts to conserve the world's birds and their habitats, many governments and non-government organisations around the world have formed the International Council for Bird Preservation. This council has been established to plan, organise, implement and monitor actions in identifying and protecting birds that are under threats of extinction. It is also involved in research and publication works on important species. Moreover, this council also works closely with other institutions or organisations to develop policies and formulate laws for the conservation of birds and their habitats. In early 2004, this council has been rebranded as Birdlife International and since then, it has widened its scope by establishing local partners in each member country and funding more conservation and preservation efforts.
- VI Other than establishing Council for Bird Preservation, many non-government organisations are also persuading policy makers to realise that areas which harbour many species of birds are likely to attract other animals as well. Many of these non-government organisations face an uphill battle in getting policy makers to protect these areas. This is due to the fact that birds are easier to observe than other forms of wildlife. So, with this in mind, many areas that have almost extinct birds are not protected the way they are supposed to be. Besides, the non-government organisations are trying hard to overcome the overwhelming pressure for economic growth which usually gets in the way of implementing any conservation programmes effectively. In overcoming this, they work closely with authorities that are responsible for implementing sustainable development projects.
- VII All in all, birds are significant and we are losing them at an alarming rate because they face many risks that start with us. We ought to put more efforts into conserving and preserving these wonderful creatures so that our future generations are able to enjoy their beauty and learn to co-

exist in harmony. Conservation of birds is ethically sound. It is rooted in our love of the birds, our respect for their rights, our devotion to laws and regulations.

Adapted from. **Malaysian Nature Society Report, 2020.**

**AI Match the main ideas with the corresponding paragraphs. Write the paragraph number in the spaces provided.**

Main Idea	Paragraph
Human activities pose threats to birds	
Pet trades cause birds to become almost extinct	
Pressures put on policy makers to protect areas that birds live	
Efforts by countries to conserve birds	
Birds face high risk of being extinct due to development	

(5 x 1m= 5 marks)

**All Answer the following questions based on the above text.**

1. What is the central idea of the text?

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(1 mark)

2. a) Did the early coal miners know the significance of birds?

Yes ( )

No ( )

(1 mark)

b) Provide an example to support your answer.

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(1 mark)

3. **Although development is necessary, indiscriminate destructions of birds' habitats like clearing of forests for new townships or other development projects such as constructions of dams or highways could bring these creatures to a tragic end.** (Paragraph II)

What can be inferred from this sentence?

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(2 marks)

4. What caused the species of birds in Brazil to be endangered?

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(2 marks)

5. Why do people like to keep parrots as their pets?

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(2 marks)

6. Why is the albatross said to be the victims of circumstances?

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(2 marks)

7. List two roles of the International Council for Bird Preservation.

i) \_\_\_\_\_

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ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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(2 x 1m = 2 marks)

8. What makes it difficult for the non-government organisations to get the policy makers to protect the areas for birds?

i) \_\_\_\_\_

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ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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(2 x 1m = 2 marks)

9. **Conservation of birds is ethically sound.** In Paragraph VII, what do you understand from this statement?

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(3 marks)

**All** State whether each of the following statements is TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

1. Birds can be used to determine the quality of air. [ ]

2. Changes in birds' behaviour can verify the causes of the degradation of their habitats. [ ]

3. Deforestation is the main threat to the extinction of birds in Brazil. [ ]

4. Similar to parrots, cockatoos can also use tools. [ ]

5. Bald eagles in the United States were seriously declined due to the use of pesticides. [ ]

6. Bird International is now funding more conservation efforts. [ ]

(6 x 1m = 6 marks)

**AIV Circle the correct option that explains the meaning of each underlined word in the following sentences.**

1. Before the introduction of gas detectors, the miners brought along canaries into the mine shafts with them.  
A. wells  
B. tunnels
  
2. In Brazil, parrots and cockatoos are known to have high demands in pet trades.  
A. tall  
B. great
  
3. Moreover, this council also works closely with other institutions or organisations to develop policies and formulate laws for the conservation of birds and their habitats.  
A. create  
B. communicate
  
4. Besides, the non-government organisations are trying hard to overcome the overwhelming pressure for economic growth which usually gets in the way of implementing any conservation programmes effectively.  
A. completely  
B. successfully
  
5. Other than establishing Council for Bird Preservation, many non-government organisations are also persuading policy makers to realise that areas which harbour many species of birds are likely to attract other animals as well.  
A. shelter  
B. embrace
  
6. All in all, birds are significant and we are losing them at an alarming rate because they face many risks that start with us.  
A. worrying  
B. exploding

(6 x 1m = 6 marks)



**Text II (15 marks)**

**Read the text carefully and answer all the questions that follow.**

- I Poaching or illegal hunting has been a serious problem in our country and it is obvious that we need to put more efforts into solving this. In Malaysia, the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN) allows a total of ten wild animals to be hunted for the pet trade and the consumption of their meat or skin. However, poachers or illegal hunters grab this opportunity to hunt these animals indiscriminately and because of this, their population is seriously declining in number.
  
- II Poaching is difficult to stop and this is due to a couple of reasons. The first reason is because animals especially exotic ones are expensive. An adult long-tailed macaque, for example can be sold at RM3,500 and a pig-tailed macaque can be sold at RM4,500. Hunters who are given the license to hunt these two types of monkeys can only hunt for five of each species in one hunting season. However, based on the records of PERHILITAN in the year 2020, there were 1,322 macaques which were harvested illegally and sold in the pet trade markets. The number was considered high and this was definitely the success of poachers and the failure of the authorities.
  
- III The second reason is the lack of resources to stop poaching activities. As a department which is responsible for Malaysian wildlife, PERHILITAN often does not have enough human resources to compete with the careful and smart poachers. The authorities are either short of staff or the staff are no longer capable of doing cat and mouse game with the poachers. The poachers now hunt in smaller groups and they have professional animal trackers who help them to track animals faster and more effectively. These poachers are also more innovative than the authorities; tracking animals with drones, strapping them with GPS devices and injecting them with drugs that weaken their body and thus, preventing these animals from escaping. They also use more sophisticated transport to avoid the authorities. Financial resources, too, are the reasons that make it difficult to stop poaching activities. Annually, the budget allocated to PERHILITAN is insufficient to carry out all the planned tasks and actions to halt poaching. Consequently, many of these just remain on paper.
  
- IV It is hoped that our government is doing more in controlling poaching activities. The existing laws and regulations should be reviewed by the government law specialists and be debated in Parliament so that heavier penalties can be imposed against poachers. The government should also be urged to develop more concrete policies to protect our wildlife so that more concrete measures can be taken in ensuring the sustainability of our animals and forests. As for the licensing of hunters, proper government agencies must regulate hunters to undergo a profiling

test so that they do not abuse the privilege of being granted the opportunity to hunt. All these will help to keep poaching activities in control and eventually, help our wildlife to thrive abundantly in our forests once and for all. Table 1 depicts wildlife hunting in Malaysia in 2020.

Animal	Purpose	Number of Animals Allowed for Hunting (per License)	Number of Animals Hunted Illegally
Wild boar	Meat	2,000	10,563
Python	Skin	50	52,780
Long-tailed macaque	Pet	5	602
Pig-tailed macaque	Pet	5	720
Monitor Lizard	Skin	50	138,652
Civet	Meat	5	84
Mouse dear	Meat	5	382
Cobra	Skin	100	3,428
Leaf monkey	Pet	5	2

Table 1: Wildlife Hunting in Malaysia, 2020

Adapted from: Department of Wildlife and National Park  
Report on Poaching Activities, 2017-2020

1. Why is the population of some species of wild animals declining?

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(2 marks)

2. List two reasons why it is difficult to stop poaching activities.

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

(2 x 1m = 2 marks)

3. How do poachers work to avoid PERHILITAN?

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(2 marks)

4. In what ways are poachers more technically advanced than the authorities?

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) \_\_\_\_\_

(4 x ½m = 2 marks)

5. What makes the planned tasks and actions to stop poaching remain just on paper?

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(1 mark)

6. List three measures that the government should take to stop poaching activities.

- i) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ii) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- iii) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(3 x 1m = 3 marks)

7. Based on Table 1, which statement is **FALSE**? Circle your answer.

- A. The number of wild boars hunted illegally was more than the number of cobras.
- B. The number of leaf monkeys hunted illegally was the lowest among the ten species.
- C. The number of long-tailed macaques hunted illegally was more than the number of pig-tailed macaques.

(1 mark)

8. Based on Table 1, which statement is **TRUE**? Circle your answer.

- A. Monitor lizards were hunted for skin and meat.
- B. Mouse deers, wild boars, cobras and civets were hunted for meat.
- C. Leaf monkeys, long-tailed macaques and pig-tailed macaques were hunted for pets.

(1 mark)

9. Based on Table 1, which statement is **TRUE**? Circle your answer.

- A. Mouse deers and civets had the same number per licence.
- B. Phytons, monitor lizards and cobras had the same number per licence.
- C. Wild boars had no limit per licence and leaf monkeys had only two per licence.

(1 mark)

**SECTION B: WRITING (10 marks)**

**Situation:**

Crime rate in Malaysia is affected since the break out of COVID-19 pandemic worldwide. This report examines the state of crime rate in Malaysia before and during the pandemic.

**Task:**

Study the table below and write the introduction, analysis and conclusion under the headings given.

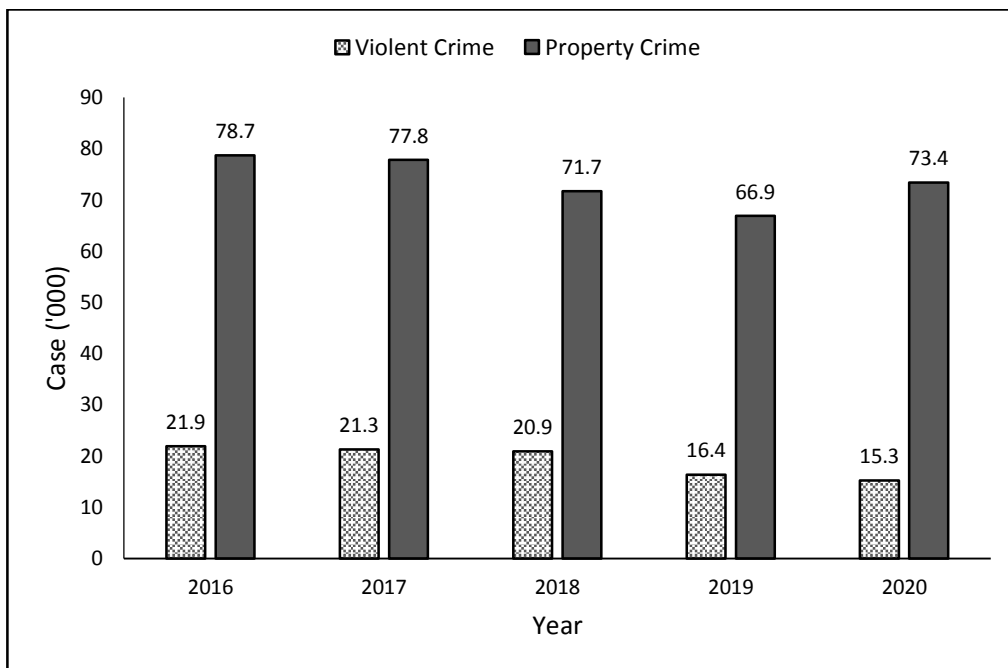


Figure 1: Violent and Property Crimes in Malaysia, 2016-2020

Adapted from: Statistik Jenayah Malaysia, 2020  
From <https://www.dosm.gov.my>

**1.0 Introduction**

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(2 marks)

## 2.0 Analysis

2.1 Describe the trend of violent crimes in Malaysia between 2016 and 2020.

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(2 marks)

2.2 Compare between the number of violent and property crimes from 2016 to 2019.

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(2 marks)

2.3 Analyse the number of property crimes between 2016 and 2020.

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(2 marks)

## 3.0 Conclusion

Provide a conclusion by summarising the analysis.

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(2 marks)

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