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A. Read the text carefully, then answer the following multiple-choice questions.

A It's no accident that the symbol of the World Wide Fund for Nature is a giant panda. These animals are cute or beautiful, or both, and of course we all want to save them. This popularity enables organisations such as the WWF to raise money to support a range of critically endangered species. However, less well-known or 'exciting' creatures are far more likely to become extinct because they don't get enough attention from researchers. Invertebrates (animals without a backbone) make up over 90% of all the creatures on Earth, but get only a tiny percentage of the money available to protect our wildlife.

B And what about those creatures that many people would find positively ugly? With its tiny eyes, big mouth and slimy pink body, the blobfish is far from attractive. This marine creature lives deep in the ocean, where the pressure is very high. As a result, it has tiny fins and no skeleton, which keeps it from being crushed by the water pressure. Unfortunately, when fishing boats sweep the ocean floor, looking for other fish and crustaceans, these fish can get swept into the nets accidentally.

C The threat faced by the pangolin, however, is far from accidental. They are more often targeted by poachers than any other animal in the world. Unique among mammals, it is covered in scales, like a reptile. They may not look very cuddly or cute, but these scales are highly prized in traditional Chinese medicine, which has caused the population of pangolins in China to fall by around 90% since the 1960s. Their scales protect them from their natural predators, but it's simple for a poacher to just pick them up.

D Other creatures become endangered precisely because people find them ugly. Take the aye aye for example. Found only on the island of Madagascar, the aye aye is the world's largest nocturnal primate. During the day they sleep in nests in the trees, coming out to hunt at night. They are solitary creatures, furry, and harmless but unfortunately, they are often killed.

1. What does the abbreviation **WWF** stand for?

- A. World Wildlife Federation
- B. World Wide Fund for Nature
- C. Wild World Foundation
- D. Wildlife Welfare Fund

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

2. Why are pandas used as the symbol of the WWF?

- A. Because they are easy to find and study
- B. Because they are cute and attract public sympathy

C. Because they represent endangered sea animals

D. Because they are found all over the world

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

3. According to the text, why are less well-known creatures more likely to become extinct?

A. They live in very remote areas

B. They receive less attention and funding

C. They reproduce too slowly

D. They are not part of the food chain

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

4. What makes the blobfish different from most other fish?

A. It lives in freshwater rivers

B. It has no skeleton and tiny fins

C. It swims near the surface of the ocean

D. It feeds on coral reefs

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

5. Why is the pangolin hunted by poachers?

A. Its meat is considered a delicacy

B. It is dangerous to humans

C. Its scales are used in traditional medicine

D. It damages farmers' crops

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

6. How do the pangolin's scales help it survive in nature?

A. They help it swim faster

B. They protect it from predators

C. They allow it to blend into trees

D. They help it dig holes for food

☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

7. What do the blobfish and pangolin have in common?
- A. Both are endangered because of human activity
 - B. Both are considered beautiful by most people
 - C. Both live deep in the ocean
 - D. Both are found in China
- ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
8. Why do some people kill the aye aye?
- A. Because it attacks farm animals
 - B. Because they believe it brings bad luck or looks frightening
 - C. Because its fur is valuable in trade
 - D. Because it eats human food
- ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
9. What message does the writer seem to be sending about how humans choose which species to protect?
- A. Conservation depends too much on beauty and popularity
 - B. People are equally interested in all animals
 - C. Scientists ignore beautiful animals
 - D. Endangered species are always protected first
- ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
10. What would be the best way to encourage people to protect “ugly” or unknown animals?
- A. Focus on their ecological importance and unique features
 - B. Compare them to more beautiful animals
 - C. Hide their pictures from the public
 - D. Avoid discussing them in the media
- ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning (English)	Arabic Meaning	Example Sentence
Symbol	Noun	A picture or object that represents something else	رمز	The panda is the symbol of the World Wide Fund for Nature.
Endangered	Adjective	At risk of becoming extinct	مهدد بالانقراض	The tiger is one of the most endangered animals in the world.
Extinct	Adjective	No longer existing	منقرض	Dinosaurs became extinct millions of years ago.
Invertebrate	Noun	An animal without a backbone	حيوان لا فقاري	Insects and worms are examples of invertebrates.
Attractive	Adjective	Pleasing or appealing to look at	جذاب	People often support animals they find attractive.
Pressure	Noun	The force of something pushing against another thing	ضغط	The blobfish lives deep in the ocean where the pressure is very high.
Skeleton	Noun	The framework of bones supporting an animal's body	هيكل عظمي	Humans and most animals have a skeleton, but the blobfish does not.
Crustacean	Noun	A sea animal with a hard shell, like a crab or lobster	قشريات	Fishing boats often catch crustaceans like crabs and shrimp.
Poacher	Noun	A person who illegally hunts wild animals	صياد غير قانوني / متعدي	Poachers hunt pangolins for their valuable scales.
Scales	Noun	Small, thin plates that cover fish or reptiles	حراشف	The pangolin's body is covered in hard scales.
Traditional	Adjective	Based on old customs or beliefs	تقليدي	Some people use traditional medicine instead of modern drugs.
Predator	Noun	An animal that hunts and eats other animals	مفترس	Lions are natural predators of zebras.
Nocturnal	Adjective	Active during the night and sleeping during the day	ليلي	Owls and bats are nocturnal creatures.
Solitary	Adjective	Living or spending time alone	انفرادي	The aye aye is a solitary animal that hunts by itself.
Conservation	Noun	The protection of nature and wildlife	حماية / حفظ البيئة	Conservation projects help protect endangered species.
Harmless	Adjective	Not dangerous	غير مؤذ	The aye aye is completely harmless to humans.
Critically	Adverb	Extremely or seriously (used with "endangered")	بشكل خطير	The panda is a critically endangered species.
Marine	Adjective	Related to the sea	بحري	The blobfish is a marine creature that lives in deep waters.
Species	Noun	A group of animals that can reproduce together	نوع / فصيلة	There are thousands of different bird species around the world.
Unique	Adjective	One of a kind; unlike anything else	فريد من نوعه	The pangolin is unique because it is the only mammal with scales.

Answer Key

1. **B** – World Wide Fund for Nature
2. **B** – Because they are cute and attract public sympathy
3. **B** – They receive less attention and funding
4. **B** – It has no skeleton and tiny fins
5. **C** – Its scales are used in traditional medicine
6. **B** – They protect it from predators
7. **A** – Both are endangered because of human activity
8. **B** – Because they believe it brings bad luck or looks frightening
9. **A** – Conservation depends too much on beauty and popularity
10. **A** – Focus on their ecological importance and unique features