Plight of the Pangolin  March 22, 2019

Use this week’s issue of TIME for Kids (Edition 3–4) to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

1. Where can you find a list of the locations where pangolins are illegally traded?
   A. the headline deck  
   B. in the section “Troubling Trade”  
   C. in the section “To the Rescue”  
   D. in the sidebar “Big Business”

2. Why are pangolins so valuable?
   A. They are beautiful creatures.  
   B. The meat is very healthy.  
   C. People believe their scales can be medicinal.  
   D. They have been proven to treat certain illnesses.

3. What has been an effect of poaching in Asia?
   A. Pangolins have learned to better protect themselves.  
   B. There are very few Asian pangolins left.  
   C. Pangolin meat is a delicacy in some Asian countries.  
   D. Pangolin scales are made into medicine.

4. What is the section “To the Rescue” mostly about?
   A. how pangolins can be better protected  
   B. why many pangolin species are endangered  
   C. how many pangolins are poached each year  
   D. traits of pangolins

5. According to the article, it is beneficial to protect pangolins because
   A. their scales can be made into medicine.  
   B. they eat insects that destroy crops.  
   C. most people have never heard of them.  
   D. they reduce the demand for rhino horns.

6. What is the overall structure of this article?
   A. chronological order  
   B. compare and contrast  
   C. cause and effect  
   D. problem and solution

7. Prince William would most likely agree that
   A. pangolins should be protected.  
   B. pangolin scales are good for medicinal use.  
   C. pangolin meat is delicious.  
   D. pangolins make great pets.

8. What amount of scales was seized in the most recent raid mentioned?
   A. nine tons  
   B. 30 tons  
   C. 40 tons  
   D. 800 pounds

9. Which detail from the text is shown in the picture “Busted”?
   A. In January, agents stopped a cargo ship in Hong Kong carrying nine tons of scales.  
   B. In the wild, a pangolin’s scales protect it from predators.  
   C. Police raided a factory in Malaysia and seized pangolin products.  
   D. Pangolin scales are made into a powder and used as medicine.

10. Sabah is said to be a hub for pangolin trafficking. What is the best definition for hub?
    A. a person who is responsible for something  
    B. an illegal activity  
    C. a center of activity  
    D. a group that stops something from happening
Pangolins are animals native to Africa and Asia. Their keratin scales are used in folk remedies, and some consider their meat a delicacy. The demand for pangolin products has made them one of the world’s most-trafficked mammals and left them in danger of extinction.

**Skill: Analyze Text Features (RI.7)**

Text features, if used properly, can add new information to a text or support a detail mentioned in the main content. For this mini-lesson, students must have a firm understanding of the different types of text features and the purpose of each one. Before reading a text, have students take a text-feature walk and identify which features the author has included. Then have students predict—based on these features—what they will be learning about. While students are reading the text, have them underline important details. After reading, they should compare these details with the information provided by the text features.

**Alternate Question Stems**
- How does the [insert text feature] help you understand what you are reading?
- What can you learn from this [insert text feature]?
- What details from the story are represented by the [insert text feature]?
- What does the [title, caption, legend] tell you about this feature?

**Question Breakdown by Standard**

**Key Ideas and Details**
*RI.1, RI.2, RI.3*
- Read for Detail, Explain Events, Identify Main Idea
  - Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q8

**Craft and Structure**
*RI.4, RI.5, RI.6*
- Analyze Text Structure, Define Words and Phrases
  - Q6, Q10

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**
*RI.7, RI.8, RI.9*
- Analyze Text Features, Identify Claims and Evidence
  - Q1, Q7, Q9
1. Analyze Text Features (RI.3.7; RI.4.7)
   Where can you find a list of the locations where pangolins are illegally traded?
   A. the headline deck
   B. in the section “Troubling Trade”
   C. in the section “To the Rescue”
   D. in the sidebar “Big Business”

   Distractor Analysis
   A. The headline deck has no information about where the trafficking is happening.
   B. This section mentions only some of the locations where pangolins.
   C. This section mentions only some of the locations where pangolins.
   D. Correct answer: The sidebar names the top 10 places where pangolins are trafficked.

2. Read for Detail (RI.3.1, RI.4.1)
   Why are pangolins so valuable?
   A. They are beautiful creatures.
   B. The meat is very healthy.
   C. People believe their scales can be medicinal.
   D. They have been proven to treat certain illnesses.

   Distractor Analysis
   A. There is no evidence to suggest that this makes them valuable.
   B. The meat is a delicacy, but there is no evidence that it is healthy.
   C. Correct answer: Pangolin scales are used as medicine, but there is no proof of the medicine’s effectiveness.
   D. There is no scientific proof that pangolin products are medicinally effective.

3. Explain Events (RI.3.3; RI.4.3)
   What has been an effect of poaching in Asia?
   A. Pangolins have learned to better protect themselves.
   B. There are very few Asian pangolins left.
   C. Pangolin meat is a delicacy in some Asian countries.
   D. Pangolin scales are made into medicine.

   Distractor Analysis
   A. The first paragraph in “Troubling Trade” states that pangolins can’t protect themselves from poachers.
   B. Correct answer: The second paragraph in “Troubling Trade” states that pangolins are disappearing from Asia.
   C. This is one of poaching’s causes rather than one of its effects.
   D. This is one of poaching’s causes rather than one of its effects.

4. Identify Main Idea (RI.3.2; RI.4.2)
   What is the section “To the Rescue” mostly about?
   A. how pangolins can be better protected
   B. why many pangolin species are endangered
   C. how many pangolins are poached each year
   D. traits of pangolins

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DISTRACTOR ANALYSIS
A. Correct answer: The section suggests reducing pangolin demand and enforcing laws against poachers.
B. This information is explained in the first two sections.
C. This information is explained in the first two sections.
D. No section is dedicated to pangolin traits.

5. Read for Detail (RI.3.1, RI.4.1)
According to the article, it is beneficial to protect pangolins because
A. their scales can be made into medicine.
B. they eat insects that destroy crops.
C. most people have never heard of them.
D. they reduce the demand for rhino horns.

DISTRACTOR ANALYSIS
A. This is a reason they are poached, not a reason to protect them.
B. Correct answer: The section “To the Rescue” states that farmers should protect pangolins for this reason.
C. This is stated by Prince William, but does not explain why it is beneficial to protect them.
D. This is not true; teaching people to treat illnesses without keratin has reduced the demand for rhino horns.

6. Analyze Text Structure (RI.3.5; RI.4.5)
What is the overall structure of this article?
A. chronological order
B. compare and contrast
C. cause and effect
D. problem and solution

DISTRACTOR ANALYSIS
A. Some dates are used in the article, but chronology is not the primary structure.
B. Rhino horns and pangolin scales are compared, but compare-and-contrast is not the primary structure.
C. There are cause-and-effect relationships, but this is not the best answer.
D. Correct answer: The first two sections explain the problem of poaching pangolins, and the last section introduces some solutions.

7. Identify Claims and Evidence (RI.3.8; RI.4.8)
Prince William would most likely agree that
A. pangolins should be protected.
B. pangolin scales are good for medicinal use.
C. pangolin meat is delicious.
D. pangolins make great pets.

DISTRACTOR ANALYSIS
A. Correct answer: He is the president of a wildlife conservation group.
B. There is no evidence in the text to suggest this.
C. There is no evidence in the text to suggest this.
D. There is no evidence in the text to suggest this.
8. Read for Detail (RI.3.1; RI.4.1)
What amount of scales was seized in the most recent raid mentioned?

A. nine tons
B. 30 tons
C. 40 tons
D. 800 pounds

Distractor Analysis
A. This is the amount of scales seized in Hong Kong in January
B. Thirty tons is the total amount of pangolin products, not just the scales.
C. This is the amount of smuggled pangolins through Sabah since August 2017.
D. Correct answer: The first paragraph states that nearly 800 pounds of scales were seized in February.

9. Analyze Text Features (RI.3.7; RI.4.7)
Which detail from the text is shown in the picture “Busted”?

A. In January, agents stopped a cargo ship in Hong Kong carrying nine tons of scales.
B. In the wild, a pangolin’s scales protect it from predators.
C. Police raided a factory in Malaysia and seized pangolin products.
D. Pangolin scales are made into a powder and used as medicine.

Distractor Analysis
A. Correct answer: The caption states the picture is of customs agents in Hong Kong.
B. The picture shows bags of scales, but does not show how they protect the animal.
C. The picture is from Hong Kong, China.
D. The picture shows the scales, but does not show them being ground up.

10. Define Words and Phrases (RI.3.4; RI.4.4)
Sabah is said to be a hub for pangolin trafficking. What is the best definition for hub?

A. a person who is responsible for something
B. an illegal activity
C. a center of activity
D. a group that stops something from happening

Distractor Analysis
A. Sabah is a place, not a person.
B. Trafficking of pangolins is the illegal activity taking place through the hub in Sabah.
C. Correct answer: More than 40 tons of pangolins have been smuggled through the state of Sabah since 2017.
D. Sabah is a place, not a group of people.