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YR 4 Non-fiction Text

This set of questions is based upon the text 'White Rhinos' by Laura Curtis.

Q1

Find and copy a word that shows the numbers of rhinos being poached has increased sharply.

1 mark for identification of the word 'skyrocketed'.

1 Mark

Q2

White rhinos '*spend their time roaming around the savannah.*' Which word is closest in meaning to roaming?

eating

wandering

living

standing

1 Mark

Q3

Summarise two ways in which white rhinos protect themselves from the midday sun.

1 mark for any two of the following ways...

During the heat of the midday sun, they like to rest in the shade.

When the temperatures are very high, they stay cool by bathing in mud pools.

They use the mud to protect themselves from sunburn

They are active at dawn and dusk

1 Mark



Q4

Draw lines to match the animals with their correct description.

All White Rhinos	Can grow to 1.85m and weigh 3500kg
Female White Rhinos	Longer skull and larger shoulder hump
Male White Rhinos	Can weigh up to 1700kg

1 Mark

Q5

Do you think that the poachers feel guilty after they have taken a horn from a rhino?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Maybe ☐

Award 1 mark for a simple point and 2 marks for at least two justifications.
(Maybe responses must feature a yes/no point in order to achieve two marks).
Some suggested points are listed below...

Yes

They may regret killing the rhino / They may feel bad that they are contributing towards its extinction

No

They get a lot of money for the horns they poach / They believe the horns have medicinal properties / They are a symbol of status and wealth

2 Marks



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Q6

Do you think that we will succeed in stopping the white rhino from becoming extinct?

Award 1 mark for each relevant point made from within the text. Development of points made with text-based evidence is worth an additional mark. No more than 3 marks can be awarded in total.

Yes

There are lots of campaigns to raise the profile of white rhinos / They are creating conservation areas / Money is being raised through tourism / Governments around the world are doing their best to stop the illegal trading of rhino horns

No

There are not many rhinos left / In January 2018, the killing of rhinos was still at crisis levels / Poachers will still seek rhino horns to make money

3 Marks

Q7

Why do you think the author has described the white rhinos as 'magnificent'?

1 mark for a simple idea

They are huge and impressive

2 marks for a more developed answer

They are admirable and awe-inspiring because they have survived for thousands of years.

They are striking and impressive because they are huge, gentle giants and they resemble creatures from a prehistoric age.

2 Marks



Q8

Why do you think white rhinos use dung to mark their territories?

1 mark for a valid point

Other rhinos will be able to smell that the territory is occupied

Rhinos can't see very well so they use dung as they have good senses of smell

1 Mark

Q9

Why did the author choose to use alliteration such as 'amazing animals' and 'gentle giants' within the text?

1 mark for identifying that it focuses attention on a particular piece of text.
(Pupils may also refer to the fact that it creates rhythm / mood)

1 Mark

Q10

After reading the text, write down a word which shows how you feel. Use the space below to explain why.

Answers to this question may differ significantly

1 mark for identifying an appropriate feeling supported by a relevant reason for the choice based on what has been read

2 marks for more than one supporting reason

2 Marks

