

Sample International Benchmark Test Questions

Class 10 English



Use the following information to answer questions 1 to 4

Tapirs



Tapirs are among the most primitive of the larger animals in the world – they've changed little in 20 million years. Their compact, streamlined bodies easily push through the undergrowth of their forest habitat.

They are also agile climbers. All tapirs have a short flexible trunk (called a **proboscis**), which serves almost like a hand on their face and allows them to selectively pull leaves, shoots and fruits into their mouths.

Unlike the highly social horse, they are basically solitary animals, apart from temporary bonds between mothers and babies, as pictured here.

Today tapirs live only in Malaysia and parts of Central and South America. Until the end of the Ice Age (10,000 years ago), tapirs lived in Europe and North America. They first appeared in South America about 2 million years ago.

Like their rhino cousins, tapirs also are threatened by extinction as human populations spread into and exploit their forest habitats.

Source: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/fhc/relatives7.htm>

Florida Museum of Natural History

1. Tapirs are described as being among the most primitive of the larger animals in the world because they
- A** only live in a few places. **B** are solitary animals.
C have streamlined bodies. **D** haven't changed much.
2. What is a *proboscis*?
- A** a streamlined body. **B** a long, stiff trunk.
C a short flexible trunk. **D** a long, squat body.
3. Tapirs are threatened with extinction because
- A** their forest homes are being cleared.
B they are not able to adapt to climatic changes.
C they are cousins to rhinos.
D many died out at the end of the Ice Age.
4. The main purpose of this text is to describe
- A** where tapirs live. **B** the appearance of tapirs.
C facts about tapirs. **D** how tapirs feed.
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The following question relates to vocabulary.

5. After sorting the bolts into categories, John placed the remaining bolts into a jar labelled miscellaneous.
- This means the remaining bolts were
- A** homogenous. **B** similar.
C different. **D** special.
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KEY: D, C, A, C, C