

Question 1: What does the author of the article find most distressing?

- a) the world food shortage
- b) the soil becoming saline (salty)
- c) the speed at which land is being cleared
- d) the small amount of land set aside for national parks

Question 2: How many animal species are threatened or endangered?

- a) 140
- b) over 200
- c) thousands
- d) millions

Question 3: What is the main long-term problem of land clearing?

- a) loss of animal habitat
- b) endangering plant species
- c) decline in the soil's ability to support life
- d) longer droughts

Question 4: Replanting is considered

- a) the best way to prevent land clearing.
- b) vital in saving national parks.
- c) sufficient to prevent drought.
- d) a poor substitute for native bush.

Question 5: Biodiversity means

- a) the variety of plants and animals.
- b) the wheat belt.
- c) loss of topsoil.
- d) the different crops grown for food.

Question 6: Land clearing is carried out using machinery and

- a) native animals.
- b) increased population.
- c) droughts.
- d) poisons.

Question 7: According to the text millions of birds and animals die each year. The main reason for this is because

- a) of drought.
- b) there is a loss of habitat.
- c) of injuries caused by bulldozers.
- d) they are endangered.