

《高考英语阅读理解真题49(含答案解析)》

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Port Lympne Reserve, which runs a breeding (繁育) programme, has welcomed the arrival of a rare black rhino calf (犀牛幼崽). When the tiny creature arrived on January 31, she became the 40th black rhino to be born at the reserve. And officials at Port Lympne were delighted with the new arrival, especially as black rhinos are known for being difficult to breed in captivity (圈养).

Paul Beer, head of rhino section at Port Lympne, said: “ Obviously we ’ re all absolutely delighted to welcome another calf to our black rhino family. She ’ s healthy, strong and already eager to play and explore. Her mother, Solio, is a first-time mum and she is doing a fantastic job. It ’ s still a little too cold for them to go out into the open, but as soon as the weather warms up, I have no doubt that the little one will be out and about exploring and playing every day. ”

The adorable female calf is the second black rhino born this year at the reserve, but it is too early to tell if the calves will make good candidates to be returned to protected areas of the wild. The first rhino to be born at Port Lympne arrived on January 5 to first-time mother Kisima and weighed about 32kg. His mother, grandmother and great grandmother were all born at the reserve and still live there.

According to the World Wildlife Fund, the global black rhino population has dropped as low as 5500, giving the rhinos a “ critically endangered ” status.

4. Which of the following best describes the breeding programme?

A. Costly. B. Controversial.

C. Ambitious. D. Successful.

5. What does Paul Beer say about the new-born rhino?

A. She loves staying with her mother.

B. She dislikes outdoor activities.

C. She is in good condition.

D. She is sensitive to heat.

6. What similar experience do Solio and Kisima have?

A. They had their first born in January.

B. They enjoyed exploring new places.

C. They lived with their grandmothers.

D. They were brought to the reserve young.

7. What can be inferred about Port Lympne Reserve?

A. The rhino section will be open to the public.

B. It aims to control the number of the animals.

C. It will continue to work with the World Wildlife Fund.

D. Some of its rhinos may be sent to the protected wild areas.

答案及解析：

4. D. Successful.

解析：文章提到Port Lympne Reserve的繁殖计划成功迎来了第40头黑犀牛幼崽的出生，这表明该繁殖计划是成功的。

5. C. She is in good condition.

解析：Paul Beer提到新生的犀牛幼崽健康、强壮，并且已经渴望玩耍和探索，这说明幼崽的状况良好。

6. A. They had their first born in January.

解析：文章中提到Solio和Kisima都是第一次做母亲，并且她们的幼崽都是在1月出生的，因此这是她们的相似经历。

7. D. Some of its rhinos may be sent to the protected wild areas.

解析：文章最后一段提到，目前还太早无法判断这些幼崽是否适合被送回到受保护的野生区域，这暗示了Port Lympne Reserve可能会将一些犀牛送到受保护的野生区域。

