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2021 ENGLISH ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST 【GROUP B】

1ST PRIZE:

CAROL TAN YING XUAN

JUNIOR MIDDLE THREE CHENG

Topic: Should wild animals be kept in zoos?

Animals love being in their natural habitat. They were born there and can run freely in the vast forest. They are endowed by God with a unique set of abilities to survival. But they were hunted by men and then be kept in zoos, being poorly treated and shaped into domestic pets. A zoo is a prison for animals, which restricts their freedom and growth as it is too small for them.

Without our knowledge, many animals are subjected to cruel treatment and training so that they are willing to be chained in the zoo. The huge environmental shift can leave animals with depression and severe stress. They might be forced to be separated from their family. Facing the fence all day will cause them to lose their natural instinct and feel depressed.

Besides, human beings use animals to gain money and attract visitors, but the incentive to breed new critters in large numbers leads to overpopulation. The surplus animals may be sold to other zoos, circuses or hunting facilities. They might be subjected to more inhuman treatment or even being killed. All of them won't be released back into the wild although they are excess. Even if they can return to the wild, most of them will lose their survival instinct like they do not know how to catch food as they have food in front of them every day and their sharpness has been honed by the zoo.

Furthermore, any group of animals taken away will throw the ecology out of balance. Zoos teach young kids as well as adults that it is acceptable to cage animals to let us know about their habits and other knowledge. But most of the animals have already lost their original look. We would rather go to a wildlife trip than visit a zoo. Moreover, petting zoos have been linked with numerous incidents of diseases such as coli infection, salmonellosis, cryptosporidiosis and many more that can harm us. Zoo animals can't be viewed as wild animals as they are not in their natural habitat. Therefore, they are not acting in their natural state.

In conclusion, there are more cons of zoos than pros. Every living thing should have freedom and the right to choose, so we cannot interfere or even control them. It is everyone's duty to care for animals.

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2ND PRIZE:

TAN YAN RU

SENIOR MIDDLE ONE CHENG

Topic: Should wild animals be kept in zoos?

Zoos are the places where animals are kept. Some people think that animals should not be kept in zoos as they deserve freedom. Zoos cannot provide them with enough space because they cannot run around so as to grow up freely. On the other hand, some people think that animals should be kept in zoos not only to provide them a safe place, but also chances for people to learn about them. In my opinion, I think wild animals should not be kept in zoos.

According to studies, animals in zoos are being abused and suffering mentally. This is because the zoo authority wants to attract more visitors to their zoo. They begin to train the animals some performing skills, so there are dolphin shows, pig racings, seal shows, etc. Trainers who are very cruel badly hurt those animals. Some animals like horses and elephants are ridden to entertain the visitors. All these kinds of treatments are not acceptable for people or animals.

Besides, some people think that keeping animals in zoos can protect the animals and provide them with enough resources. However, some studies revealed that a lot of animals such as dolphins and sharks are not suitable to be kept in zoos and they will hurt themselves or some even commit suicide. Therefore, these animals should definitely not be kept in zoos.

The purpose of zoos is to educate people on endangered animals and different animal species. Nevertheless, do people really need to visit zoos for education? Furthermore, this should not be an excuse for people to abuse and hurt animals.

The only benefit of keeping animals in zoos is to attract the visitors for the sake of earning more money. People are the most selfish and the most disgusting animals in the world. We have destroyed the habitats of animals. Imagine if our houses were destroyed by others or we were locked in jails, how would we feel? We need to put ourselves in others' shoes and not to be selfish.

To sum up, zoos are harmful to animals because the caged animals are mistreated or not properly cared for. Thus, animals should not be kept in zoos.

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3RD PRIZE:

CHLOE NEW ZHI XUN

SENIOR MIDDLE ONE CHENG

Topic: My favourite day of the week

There are seven days in a week and Sunday is my favourite day. The reason why I love Sunday the most is because there is no classes. Thus, I can have a comfortable and nice sleep with alarm turned off.

No matter how much I am unwilling to get out of my bed, I usually get up at 8 o'clock in the morning as there are a lot of activities awaiting me. As I am a Christian, I go to church with my family after our breakfast. At there, I meet my good friends and we learn about God's words together. I truly enjoy every second when we are together. After the worship, we have our lunch at a café nearby and chat about each other's recent situation.

After lunch, we return to the church for choir class. I always find it enjoyable to sing with my friends because I love singing very much. At about 3 pm, I rush to my calligraphy class with my siblings. Learning calligraphy makes me calm and relax. I feel great and proud of myself when I am able to write neatly and tidily.

In the evening, my parents come and fetch us. Sometimes, we will go to Batu Pahat not only to have a delicious dinner but also to buy some necessities in the shopping mall.

Indeed, my favourite day of the week is Sunday because it is filled with various activities and love. However, all the activities have been cancelled since the government announced the Movement Control Order. I hope that we can defeat the virus together and return to our normal life as soon as possible.

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CONSOLATION:

WONG WEE CHIAN

SENIOR MIDDLE ONE CHENG

Topic: A day when everything went wrong

Last Monday was my most unlucky day that everything went wrong. As usual, I woke up early in the morning and went downstairs to take my breakfast which my mother had prepared for me. In a rush, I clumsily knocked down my father's loving cup. Shatters of broken glass were all over the floor. My mother and father ran out of the kitchen to see what had happened. My mother was so furious with me that she started lecturing on my carelessness. I was also scolded by my father.

I reached school at around 7:45am. By that time, everyone had been in class. I was punished to stand for one whole period. During the recess time, I headed to the canteen to buy my favourite food. As I was taking my food to the seat, out of the blue, a student ran toward me and knocked me down. My food was spilt and shed all over the floor. My school uniform was also dirty and I had to spend more money to buy food.

Without any further delay, I decided to put on my sports shirt which I brought to school this morning. When I was going upstairs to take my shirt, all of a sudden, I missed the bottom step and fell down. I sprained my ankle.

A few hours later, the school bell rang. Everything seemed to be fine after the recess. However, I was wrong. Upon reaching home, I found that my parents were out. The gate of the house was locked. I frantically looked for the keys all over my school bag but to no avail. I had to wait for my parents for a long time.

It was indeed my most unlucky day that everything went wrong on that day. Hopefully, I would not go through all these again.

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CONSOLATION:

TEE YI JIE

SENIOR MIDDLE ONE YI

Topic: A day when everything went wrong

A day in school is like any other day, but there was a day that I would like to forget for nothing good happened on that day.

As usual, I would prepare a cup of hot milk and two slices of bread for myself in the kitchen. As I was walking to the dining room, my foot was caught in a cloth on the floor. I lost my balance and fell down. The cup was broken into pieces on the floor that my mother had swept that morning. Without wasting time, I put on my uniform and cycled to the school without taking anything as breakfast.

When I reached the school, it was about 7:45am. I was late and punished by the form teacher. I was made to stand for one period in the classroom. I was so ashamed of myself. During the recess time, I headed to the canteen because I did not have a proper breakfast. When I was about to enjoy my favourite fried rice, a student sitting next to me was about to get up. He accidentally bumped into my arm and my plate of rice was scattered on the floor. I went back to my classroom without any food again.

The school bell rang at last. Everything seemed to be fine. However, in a rush, I missed the bottom step of the staircase and fell down. I grazed both of my knees.

Unfortunately, the house gate was locked when I arrived home. I forgot to bring the keys with me. It was quite late when my parents came home from work. I took a bath and went to bed early. Hopefully, that was the end of the day when everything went wrong.

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