

Some people hold that we should spend a large amount of time and money on the protection of wild animals. Some people agree they should be spent on human populations. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

The questions about the amount of resources utilized to protect the World's wildlife are contemporary **hot potato's**. There are many arguments for protecting **dwindling** species, but conversely, many voices are **raised in** support of using those same resources for the good of humankind.

On the one hand, many animals are **under pressure** from human activity **encroaching on** their traditional living spaces. All over the world animals are in danger of becoming extinct. While much time and money is spent in creating sanctuaries for **high profile** animals like lions and elephants. Less **newsworthy** animals, such as the humble bee, are not **high on the agenda**. Researchers suggest that humans would only survive for four years if the bees disappeared. So, actually increasing funding to protect all species of animal, should be **the way forward**.

On the other hand, this is not to say money and effort shouldn't be spent on humans. Firstly, there are many problems confronting people in need across the globe. In much of the Third World there are high-rates of homelessness and poverty. Secondly, many people are **facing** death because of starvation and illness. The lack of access to clean water is also a major problem for many communities. Some people would argue that governments should focus on raising funds for people rather than **paying attention to** wild animals. Because, from their point of view humans are much more important.

In conclusion, I do not agree that we should stop protecting animals. I believe all life on this planet is precious and we should all do whatever is possible to **protect it** for the future.

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## Vocabulary

**hot potato** (idiom) - A problem that is so controversial or sensitive that those handling it risk unpleasant consequences: *gun control in the US is a political hot potato.*

**dwindling** (adjective) - Growing less in size, intensity, or number until there is nothing or almost nothing left; diminishing or shrinking gradually.

**raised in** (phrasal verb) - Increased in volume

**under pressure** (idiom) - Facing or enduring a great amount of stress caused by some compelling or constraining influence. *I can't talk now, I'm under pressure to get this done before the end of the day! Sorry, I'm just under so much pressure at work that it's made me rather irritable.*

**encroach (up)on someone or something** (idiom) - To infringe or trespass on someone or something; to move into the space belonging to someone or something. *I did not mean to encroach upon your property. I need lots of space. Don't encroach on me.*

**high profile** (idiom) - A presence or stance that is deliberately conspicuous and prominent socially. *People only become true celebrities when they maintain a high profile both in their professional and private lives.*

**newsworthy** (adjective) - Of sufficient interest or importance to the public to warrant reporting in the media.

**high on the/(one's) agenda** (idiom) - Prioritized as the most important thing to discuss or address. *Yes, the new dress code is high on my agenda to discuss with the principal. What do you think is high on the agenda for today's meeting?*

**the way** (idiom) - The manner in which something is done. *From the way the boss struts around, you'd think she was the queen of the whole dang country. I didn't really like the way he looked at me*

**facing - face with (someone or something)** - (idiom) To have to handle or deal with someone or something. *My meditation practice definitely helps me whenever I'm faced with a stressful situation at work.*

**paying attention to** (phrasal verb)

**protect it** (phrasal verb)

### 范文解析：

这是一篇社会类的观点型大作文。这篇范文采用了让步的结构来进行陈述观点。所谓让步结构，是文章中承认某观点的好处，但是仍然不同意某观点。如本文中，作者承认观点“我们需要为人类的发展付出努力与金钱”，但是仍旧认为保护动物是我们重要的使命，我们永远都不应该停止为保护动物做出努力。首段中，作者通过改写题目的方式来引出文章主体，然后通过提出争论的方式引出下文。其次，作者在主体段分段陈述了保护动物的重要性和人类也需要得到更多关注的理由，其中第二个主体段，作者运用了一系列序数词，例如 **firstly** 和 **secondly** 等，使用这样的序数词可以使得文章的结构更为清晰，可以让考官更加容易辨认出考生的观点且各位考生方面模仿学习。结尾段部分，作者总结上文并标明自己的观点。范文中所呈现的写作结构在启德 2018 雅思标准化教材的强化段第六课有详细地介绍并且文中标记了一些重点词汇可供各位同学学习积累。社会生活类文章的写作技巧也会在标准化教材中有详细地讲解，如果大家想学习更多关于雅思写作的内容，欢迎大家来启德上课。



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