Answer all of the following questions.

The separate Resource Material is a leaflet about London Zoo.

On the opposite page is a newspaper article, ‘The changing face of London Zoo’, by India Knight.

Read the leaflet about London Zoo.

1. (a) You are booking tickets for London Zoo. What is the online address for booking fast-track tickets? [1]

   (b) Which type of gorilla can be found in London Zoo? [1]

   (c) List two animals that can be found at Rainforest Life. [2]

   (d) Which attraction of the zoo has an underwater viewing area? [1]

   (e) What is the name of the café at London Zoo? [1]

   (f) List three tube stations you can use to get to London Zoo. [3]

   (g) What is the telephone number for the London Waterbus Company? [1]

2. How does the leaflet try to persuade you to visit London Zoo? [10]

   You should write about what is said and the way the leaflet is presented.

Now read the article ‘The changing face of London Zoo’ on the opposite page.

3. India Knight first visited London Zoo when she was a child.

   What did she think and feel about the zoo and the animals on that first visit? [10]

Use information from both texts to answer the following question.

4. Below is a list of animals and birds that live in London Zoo.

   Compare and contrast what the two texts say about the places where they live today at London Zoo: [10]

   • penguins;
   • tigers;
   • birds of prey;
   • gorillas;
   • meerkats.

   You must make it clear which text you are taking your information from.
The changing face of London Zoo

London Zoo is 10 minutes’ walk away from my house. At night, my family and I can sometimes hear the lions roar as we lie in bed. We have family membership to the zoo and we visit frequently as an alternative to the park. Sometimes we just nip in to say hello to the penguins, which have the most brilliant new enclosure, or the giraffes which sadly live in a small field which gives them no opportunity to run freely.

I first visited London Zoo over thirty years ago as a child and still remember how excited I felt when I saw a male lion, the king of the jungle. He looked really menacing as he prowled up and down and growled at the people watching him. I was amazed by the sea lions as they juggled beach balls and swam effortlessly through the water. I had never seen giraffes in real life and I marvelled at how tall and graceful they were. Hidden in a corner was the zebra enclosure. The zebras were much smaller than I had expected but it was difficult to miss their distinctive markings.

However, parts of my visit were less enjoyable. A polar bear rocked from side to side like a creature that had lost its mind, which maybe it had. I will never forget the rhinos, with empty, miserable expressions; they looked so out of place in the centre of London.

On that first visit I remember how the monkeys made me laugh as they bounced around their tiny cage. It was only later that day that I realised they were bored and distressed as they picked at their own fur. It also seemed wrong that such noble creatures as camels and elephants were basically being used as giant donkeys, providing rides for children and adults.

As a child I felt uncomfortable as I watched the majestic tigers and leopards pacing up and down, and up and down again, because there was nothing else to do. Even today, I am saddened that their enclosure is so small and nothing like the grasslands where wild tigers and leopards roam freely. I really dislike the area where the birds of prey are kept. It is so sad that these beautiful birds, who love to fly freely, have to live in such a small, dingy enclosure.

When I visit London Zoo today I recognise that things have changed from when I first went as a child. London Zoo is now run by a charity, ZSL the Zoological Society of London. ZSL have helped to ensure that the animals at the zoo are lovingly cared for and looked after, and the keepers are amazing. The polar bears and the rhinos have gone, but I still cannot accept that animals, especially big ones such as gorillas, should be kept in cramped conditions for our entertainment.

I have no concerns about fish, bugs, reptiles and small animals living at London Zoo. Meerkats, for example, have their own specially-designed playground in which they happily duck and bob all day long. The Butterfly Paradise is beautiful and the penguins always seem to be having fun. Perhaps in the future we could still have zoos but without the large animals.

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Tigers are taking over the capital! Travel deep into the Indonesian jungle at ZSL London Zoo. Wide windows let you look right into the lush greenery of the tigers’ territory. Interactive displays let you track these powerful beasts. Treetop viewing platforms give you a fascinating glimpse into the natural behaviour of these big cats, as they climb their feeding poles and cool off in the pool.

And there is more! Children will love Meerkat Manor, a state-of-the-art enclosure where you can see these entertaining animals at play.
Enter the Gorilla Kingdom

Come face to face with the Western Lowland Gorilla and immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of this majestic creature’s world. His enclosure is like an African jungle in the middle of London.

Penguin Beach

Opened in 2011, Penguin Beach is the Zoo’s latest hit exhibit. See amazing colonies of Macaroni and Humboldt penguins in a South American beach setting complete with underwater viewing areas and amphitheatre seating.

Say hello to over 720 animal species in the heart of London

Marvel at the wonders of the animal kingdom, right in the heart of the UK’s capital city. ZSL London Zoo brings you closer to over 720 different species of animals. Fascinating exhibits let you see rare and endangered animals from just a few metres away.

Experience Rainforest Life

See animals in a different light at Rainforest Life. Enter London’s only living rainforest and get up close to an amazing variety of species such as monkeys, sloth and tamandua. Then step out of the light and meet the bats, rats and other nocturnal wonders who make the dark their home.

London Zoo Live!

Highlights include exciting animal demonstrations from our high-flying birds of prey, which you can find in Blackburn Pavilion, a peaceful, tropical home for 50 species of birds.