

Higher Combined version — Higher Tier (★) included; Separate-only (◆) removed.

**Q1. Explain THREE reasons why maintaining biodiversity is important.**

**[3 marks]**

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**Q2. Evaluate nature reserves as a conservation method.**

**[4 marks]**

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**Total: 7 marks**

**Q1 (3 marks)**

*Explain THREE reasons why maintaining biodiversity is important.*

- Ecosystem stability [1]
- Source of food, medicines, raw materials [1]
- Ethical: all species have intrinsic value [1]

**Q2 (4 marks)**

*Evaluate nature reserves as a conservation method.*

- Benefit: protect habitat from development/human interference [1]
- Benefit: allow species population to recover undisturbed [1]
- Limitation: may be too small for large, wide-ranging species [1]
- Limitation: cannot prevent external threats like climate change or pollution [1]