

1. SECTION THREE OPEN CLOZE TIME PERMITTED 15 MINUTES

Read the passage and fill the gap with ONE suitable word.

Reduced human activity during the global lockdowns has had a tremendous impact on animal habits and behaviour. According to studies [] out by scientists during that time, animals [] would normally avoid places inhabited by humans became [] courageous and open than before in [] behaviour. For instance, they would cross roads [] fear, because the risk of being killed by passing cars [] greatly reduced. Obviously, animals felt much safer than before the pandemic. But that was not all. The 'vocal sounds' of [] types of birds and animals changed, []. Cries of alarm were noticeably absent [] normal communication, especially when calling to [] another.