Module 4

I.

A. rain, shower, drizzle, downpour, hurricane, tsunami, storm, thunder, lightning, hail, hailstorm, blizzard, water flood, waves, wind, rain drop, snowflakes, damage, desert, extinct (animals), habitat, deforestation, species, poach/poaching, encage/put in a cage, lone (animal), endangered, assist (something or somebody), destroy, predator, prey, ban

B. force (to do something)/make (do something), alternative, source, address, changes, contribution (to the common cause), found, find, protect, defend, problem/issue, act

II.

A. gusts of wind, high wind, freezing, tear off the roof, unsettled weather, feel under the weather, dust storm, global warming, greenhouse effect, air and water pollution, a drop in number, face something, suffer from consequences, conserve the environment, create reserve areas

B. face/be on the verge of extinction, play a vital role, cause serious/major problems, be directly related to, make something impossible, the situation calls for/demands action, be under pressure, accept the idea, contrary to popular belief, be under threat, be aware of, remind somebody of something.

III.

- 1. The chimneys of plants and factories emit harmful gases and chemical substances into the atmosphere on a daily basis.
- 2. The ozone layer in the atmosphere had become noticeably thinner by the end of the 20th century and since then this issue has been under control of scientists. Translator's corner. Starlight 10.
- 3. In some regions hunting wolves is permitted to keep their numbers down although in other areas wolves are protected by law.

- 4. During recent decades our ecological system has undergone great changes and has become the subject of heated debates.
- 5. Illegal logging of trees does a lot of damage to nature and its consequences are more dangerous than deforestation alone.
- 6. Genetically modified food may turn out to be harmful and have an undesirable effect on the genetic system of humans.
- 7. Global warming makes glaciers melt and this results in the raise of water level in the world ocean, causing frequent water floods.
- 8. If people in the 19th century had been concerned with ecology, our habitat would be an excellent and safe living space today.
- 9. Many animals have already been entered in the Red Book because they are either extinct or are on the verge of extinction and in need of protection.
- 10. The depletion/thinning of the ozone layer in the atmosphere is caused by harmful gases that create huge windows in the ozone layer and we are losing our natural protection against radiation coming from space.
- 11. In many big cities campaigns are held to support the use of public transport but not private/privately owned cars.
- 12. No poacher should be allowed to go unpunished after the meaningless slaughter of animals for the sake of fur and decorations.