Practice Sheet: Summarising, Paraphrasing & Quoting

**Paraphrase** = all the same information but in your own words

**Summary** = only the key point or main idea (still in your own words)

**Quote** = using the exact words from a source, enclosed in quotation marks

Read the following passage and write a **summary**.

Climate change is causing significant alterations to ecosystems around the world. One of the most affected areas is the Arctic, where the melting of sea ice is impacting the habitats of numerous species, including polar bears. As the ice melts earlier each year, polar bears are forced to travel greater distances to find food, leading to decreased body condition and lower cub survival rates.

**Reference:** Brown, A. (2021) The Effects of Climate Change on Arctic Wildlife. London: Nature Press.

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Read the following passage and **paraphrase** it in your own words.

The Renaissance was a period of great cultural and artistic achievements in Europe, marking the transition from the Middle Ages to modernity. Artists such as Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo made significant contributions to art, science, and human thought during this time.

**Reference:** Green, L. (2019) The Renaissance: A New Dawn in Europe. New York: History Publishers.

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Read the following passage and **quote** the most important sentence.

Advances in technology have revolutionized the way we communicate. The invention of the internet has made it possible to connect with people across the globe instantly, breaking down geographical barriers and creating a more interconnected world.

**Reference:** Johnson, M. (2020) Technology and Communication in the 21st Century. Boston: TechWorld.

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Read the following passage:

Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest has accelerated in recent years, leading to severe environmental consequences. The loss of trees not only contributes to climate change by increasing carbon dioxide levels but also threatens the biodiversity of the region. Many species that are unique to the Amazon are now at risk of extinction due to habitat destruction.

**Reference:** Smith, R. (2022) The Impact of Deforestation on the Amazon. San Francisco: EcoPublishers.

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**FINAL CHALLENGE! For each of the above passages, go back and write the correct Harvard reference at the end.**