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STUDENT
SAMPLE ITEM BOOKLET

Writing

Grade 3



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Sample Items

Directions

Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

Gray Wolves

1. Gray wolves are large, dog-like animals. 2. They have long, bushy tails, and their bodies are covered in thick fur. 3. Their fur is usually a mix of gray and brown colors. 4. Just because they are all called gray wolves, some have coats that are all black, brown, or white.

5. Most gray wolves live in North America and Asia. 6. They usually travels together in packs of six to ten wolves. 7. A wolf pack is usually made up of a mother and a father, their young pups, and the pups' older brothers and sisters. 8. Gray wolves are also called timber wolves.

1. How should the underlined word in sentence 2 be changed?
 - A NO CHANGE
 - B bodes
 - C bodys
 - D bodees

2. How does the writer **mainly** introduce the topic of the passage?
 - A by telling how gray wolves act
 - B by telling what gray wolves look like
 - C by telling what animals the gray wolves like to hunt
 - D by telling how the gray wolves are different from other animals

3. How should the underlined words in sentence 4 be changed to **best** connect the writer's ideas?
- A NO CHANGE
 - B Even though
 - C And
 - D Also
4. How should the underlined words in sentence 6 be changed?
- A NO CHANGE
 - B It usually travel
 - C It usually travels
 - D They usually travel

This question has two parts. Be sure to answer both parts of the question.

5. The writer is thinking of adding this sentence after sentence 7.

The older pups help their parents hunt for food and take care of the younger pups.

Should the writer add this sentence?

- A Yes, because it tells why gray wolves live in packs.
- B Yes, because it shows that gray wolves have big families.
- C No, because it is only about part of the gray wolves' families.
- D No, because it retells that gray wolves belong to packs.

Which statement provides the **best** support for the answer to the question above?

- A Gray wolf packs live in different parts of the world.
- B Gray wolves live and move together in packs.
- C Gray wolves have about six to ten family members.
- D Gray wolf packs include a mother and a father and their young ones.

6. The writer is thinking about changing sentence 8 of the passage. Which sentence would be the **best** ending for the passage?

- A NO CHANGE
- B Gray wolf pups like to pounce and play just like puppies do.
- C Gray wolf packs are large groups of wolves who live and work together.
- D Gray wolves live with their parents' pack for a few years and then go to their own pack.