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STUDENT
SAMPLE ITEM BOOKLET

Writing

Grade 4



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Sample Items

Directions

Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

Gray Wolves

1. Gray wolves, also called timber wolves, are large animals that have much in common with modern animals. 2. They have long, bushy tails, and their bodies are covered in thick fur. 3. Their fur is usually a mixture of gray and brown in color. 4. Even though they are all called gray wolves, some have coats whose are all black, brown, or white.

5. Most gray wolves live in North America and Asia. 6. Gray wolves usually travel together in packs of six to ten. 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 tend to live with their parents' pack for a few years and then start their own pack or join another pack.

Gray Wolf Population

9. In some areas, gray wolves are overhunted and their population numbers are low. 10. In most places, however, their numbers are rising.

1. How should the underlined word in sentence 1 be changed to be the **most** exact?
 - A NO CHANGE
 - B dogs
 - C pets
 - D creatures

2. Which of the following should replace the underlined word in sentence 2 to **best** connect the sentence to the ideas in sentence 1?
 - A Besides, they
 - B Although, they
 - C In addition, they
 - D For example, they

3. How should the underlined word in sentence 4 be changed?
- A NO CHANGE
 - B that
 - C who
 - D whom
4. The writer is going to add the heading **Gray Wolf Families** before sentences 5-8. Which sentence should be removed from this paragraph?
- A sentence 5
 - B sentence 6
 - C sentence 7
 - D sentence 8
5. How should the underlined words in sentence 10 be changed to use the correct verb tense?
- A NO CHANGE
 - B has rising
 - C had risen
 - D will be rising

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

6. Which of the following would **best** help the reader understand the information in the passage?
- A a photo of a gray wolf pack
 - B a map of where gray wolves live
 - C a chart comparing gray wolves to other wolves
 - D a timeline showing the changes in the number of gray wolves

Which detail from the passage **best** supports the answer to the question above?

- A "Gray wolves, also called timber wolves,"
- B "They have long, bushy tails, and their bodies are covered in thick fur."
- C "In some areas, gray wolves are overhunted and their population numbers are low."
- D "Gray wolves tend to live with their parents' pack for a few years and then start their own pack or join another pack."