

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Roland wrote the following paper about an animal that could be a good pet. Read his paper and look for any revisions he should make. Then answer the questions that follow.



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Hedgies

(1) Are you thinking about getting a new pet? (2) Would you like to try something a little different? (3) Get a hedgehog.

(4) A hedgehog is a mammal, and it is about the same size as a guinea pig. (5) It has bright eyes and a pointy snout. (6) The outside of a hedgehog is contained with sharp quills, but the underside of this animal is soft and fluffy.

(7) Hedgehogs, or hedgies as some people call them, are affectionate, and they form strong bonds with their owners. (8) For example, it's important not to frighten a hedgehog, especially when it's still getting to know you. (9) If it feels threatened, it might stick you

with its quills. (10) But once a hedgehog considers you a friend, it will become a perfect companion.

(11) These animals don't shed the way some dogs and cats do.

(12) They don't bark, scratch the furniture, or have to be taken out for a walk on a rainy night. (13) They like to play at night but can be trained to play in the daytime, so whatever your schedule, you'll be able to enjoy spending time with your hedgie. (14) And these animals live longer than gerbils, hamsters, and guinea pigs, which means that you'll be able to enjoy your pet for many years.

(15) Hedgehogs are also easy to care for. (16) They eat high-quality cat food, although an occasional treat, such as bits of a banana or a scrambled egg, is just fine. (17) They need to be bathed with baby shampoo and a soft nailbrush only once every couple of months. (18) Best of all, most hedgehogs can be trained to use a litter box, just like a cat.

(19) If you're seriously considering getting a hedgehog, you need to know that you won't find one in an ordinary pet store. (20) Hedgies are considered exotic pets, so you'll have to go to a hedgehog breeder.

- 1 The central idea of Roland's paper is weak. Which of the following could replace sentence 3 and provide a better central idea for this paper?
- A For my paper I would like to tell you that you should definitely and for sure get a hedgehog this time.
 - B Everyone likes to try different things, so this time don't do the same thing again and get a hedgehog.
 - C Instead of choosing a traditional pet, such as a dog, a cat, or a guinea pig, you might want to get a hedgehog.
 - D Because you would like to try something that isn't very normal, get a hedgehog.

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- 2 The word **contained** is not the right word for sentence 6. Which word would better help describe the outside of the hedgehog?

- F included
- G covered
- H wrapped
- J colored

- 3 Roland needs to use a more appropriate transition at the beginning of sentence 8. Which of the following should replace ***For example***?
- A Therefore
 - B However
 - C In fact
 - D After that

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- 4 Roland would like to add a sentence to the beginning of the fourth paragraph (sentences 11–14) to introduce the ideas in this paragraph. Which of the following would be the **BEST** sentence to add just before sentence 11?
- F A hedgehog is a hard pet to care for.
 - G Hedgehogs don't shed, bark, or scratch the furniture.
 - H The hedgehog will be the perfect companion for you.
 - J There are many reasons why hedgehogs make great pets.

- 5** Which sentence should Roland add to the end of his paper to bring it to a better close?
- A** For people who don't think that they want a hedgehog for a pet, we can talk about another unusual animal next.
 - B** I'm going to look on the Internet to find a hedgehog breeder right now.
 - C** If you're in the market for something unusual, this little animal could be the perfect pet for you!
 - D** And it seems like the perfect time for me to close this paper by saying that hedgies are great!