

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

*Mitchell wrote this story in response to a class assignment. Read Mitchell's story and look for the revisions he needs to make. Then answer the questions that follow.*

## **Lauren's New Game**

(1) Lauren rips off the plastic wrapping, opens the case, and puts the new video game in the console. (2) She can't wait to play Zoo Madness. (3) She skips through the introduction and gets right to the action. (4) All the zoo animals have escaped and are running wild, terrifying the townspeople. (5) As a professional hunter and trapper, Lauren must capture all the animals and return them to the zoo without being trampled.



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(6) She easily catches and returns a frightened koala bear and a small zebra. (7) Then suddenly the screen freezes up. (8) Annoyed, Lauren starts pushing buttons in an attempt to reset the game. (9) As she pushes button after button, she hears a growl. (10) "Wow," she thinks. (11) "The special effects in this game are so realistic! (12) It not only sounds like an animal is nearby but smells like it!"

(13) Lauren looks up and realizes that she's not just watching the game—she's in it! (14) Wearing camouflage clothing, she has a bow slung over her shoulder and a pack of trapping gear on her back.

(15) "What is going on?" she asks in confusion.

(16) But this is no time for questions! (17) A tiger has its sights on her. (18) It's growling and showing its teeth. (19) Lauren's heart pounds in her chest, and cold sweat forms on her brow. (20) She grabs a net from her pack and wonders aloud, "Will this hold the tiger?" (21) The tiger springs. (22) Lauren tosses the net over the animal, tangling its feet. (23) The beast roars and growls, frantically trying to break free.

(24) She turns sharply and sees a huge rhinoceros charging toward her. (25) Its head is lowered, and its large horn is aimed directly at her. (26) As the animal gets closer, Lauren reaches for her pack but then remembers that she has already used her net.

(27) "Lauren!" someone screams. (28) Lauren begins to panic. (29) What will she do? (30) "Lauren!" the voice yells even more urgently. (31) Lauren knows that whoever it is will not reach her in time to save her. (32) The rhino is approaching too fast. (33) Suddenly Lauren feels a stabbing pain in it. (34) The rhino has rammed her! (35) Lauren cries out and doubles over.

(36) She waits for another hit from the powerful animal.

(37) "Lauren!" the familiar voice calls again.

(38) "Lincoln?" Lauren asks, puzzled. (39) She looks up and sees her brother.

(40) "Yes, it's me," Lincoln answers. (41) "I've been calling your name forever. (42) I even pinched your shoulder to get you to wake up. (43) Come on. (44) It's time for dinner."

(45) Lauren looks around and realizes that she's safe in her living room. (46) She stands up slowly, still exhausted from the new game—and from her much-too-realistic dream.

1 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 2 and 3?

- A She can't wait to play Zoo Madness, so she skips through the introduction and gets right to the action.
  - B She can't wait to play Zoo Madness because she skips through the introduction and gets right to the action.
  - C She can't wait to play Zoo Madness, she skips through the introduction and gets right to the action.
  - D She can't wait to play Zoo Madness, and she skips through the introduction, and she gets right to the action.
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2 Mitchell would like to add the following sentence to the second paragraph (sentences 6–12).

*Feeling startled, she shakes her head and sits up straight.*

Where is the **BEST** place to insert this sentence?

- F At the beginning of the paragraph
- G After sentence 6
- H After sentence 8
- J After sentence 9

**3** Mitchell wants to help readers move from the fourth paragraph (sentences 16–23) to the fifth paragraph (sentences 24–26). Which sentence or sentences should Mitchell insert at the beginning of the fifth paragraph, just before sentence 24?

- A** It’s a rhinoceros! Oh, no!
  - B** Uh-oh! Another animal is just around the corner.
  - C** Then Lauren hears a stomp and a huff.
  - D** The tiger is trapped and won’t be going anywhere.
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**4** The meaning of sentence 33 is unclear. It can be clarified by changing *it* to —

- F** her game
- G** her shoulder
- H** the voice
- J** the rhino