

Topic 8: Pronoun Reference and Shift

Directions: Certain words and phrases in this passage are underlined and numbered. The numbers refer to the questions that appear in the right-hand column. Most questions ask you to choose the answer that best expresses the idea in standard written English or in the style of the passage. If you think the original version is best, choose “NO CHANGE.” In one question,

you are asked to choose the one answer that is not an acceptable replacement for the underlined part.

For each question, choose the best answer. Read the passage through once before you begin to answer the questions that accompany it. Sometimes, you will need to read several sentences beyond the numbered point in the passage to answer the question correctly.

PASSAGE

Dinosaurs and Their Dens

In 2006, paleontologist John Martin and his fellow researchers made a startling discovery: Some dinosaurs dug burrows. Martin discovered a trace fossil, a fossil that shows how an organism changed its environment, in a rock in Montana. It¹ was a first. With the trace fossil, they² had enough evidence to determine that a dinosaur with two juveniles had lived in a burrow in southeastern Montana. They³ believe that the dinosaur created or used the burrow for the same reason as other animals: for protection from predators (at least for the young) as well as from environmental factors. Martin’s discoveries will help us⁴ learn more about dinosaurs and their environment; he⁵ has opened a new window on the world of dinosaurs.

1. (A) NO CHANGE
(B) The organism
(C) The trace fossil
(D) The rock
2. (F) NO CHANGE
(G) organisms
(H) Martin and the other researchers
(J) dinosaurs
3. (A) NO CHANGE
(B) The two juveniles
(C) The dinosaur family
(D) Researchers
4. All of the following would be acceptable changes to the underlined word EXCEPT:
(F) them
(G) people
(H) the scientific community
(J) future paleontologists
5. (A) NO CHANGE
(B) Martin
(C) the dinosaur
(D) it

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