PRACTICE 2

Something unusual about lions is that they hunt in groups. Group hunting is beneficial to lions because it means that much larger prey can be captured by the lions. It also means that individual lions expend much less energy during a hunt.

There is a standard pattern to the process of hunting in groups. [A] The process is initiated by a single female, who stations herself at a raised elevation to serve as a lookout to spot potential prey. [B] When prey is spotted, a group of young lioness advances on the herd and pushes the herd in the direction of a different lioness who has hidden herself downwind. [C] It is up to this concealed female to choose the weakest member of the herd for the kill. [D]

- Where can the following sentence be added in the passage? Choose [A], [B], [C], or [D].

  Thus, the males have a defensive rather than an offensive role.

PRACTICE 3

A tornado is a violent storm that usually occurs on plains in the interior sections of a continent. [A] Tornadoes are easy to recognize. They are huge and shaped like a funnel. [B] These violent, twisting storms can cause enormous damage. [C] There are a number of reasons for this. [D]

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First, high winds can blow away even large objects, such as houses and cars. Second, differences in air pressure can cause building walls to explode when the tornado passes over. Last, tornadoes can move very quickly, destroying everything in their way.

Tornadoes not only damage houses and land, but they also kill people. Trees and cows have also been destroyed in the storm. Therefore, people are cautioned to find a safe place when one of these violent storms occurs.

- Where can the following sentence be added in the passage? Choose [A], [B], [C], or [D].

They are often called "twister" because the winds inside the funnel twist rapidly.

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Directions Read the following passage and select the best answer.

The origins of the game of chess are not known with certainty, and traditional stories in a number of cultures claim credit for developing the game. [A] One legend claims that chess was invented during the Trojan Wars. [B] According to another legend, chess was developed to depict the battle between two royal brothers for the crown of Persia. [C] In a third legend, chess was the creation of the mythical Arab philosopher Sassa. [D]

Whatever its origins, chess was known to exist in India as early as 500 B.C., and it eventually spread from India to Persia, where it took on much of the terminology that today is part of the game. Foot soldiers in the Persian army were called *piyadah*, which became the pawns of today's game, and the Persian chariot was a *rukh*, which became the rook. The Persian king was the *shah*, which evolved into the name *chess*. *Shahmat*, which means "the king is dead" became the expression *checkmate*.

- Where can the following sentence be added in the passage? Choose [A], [B], [C], or [D].

When one brother was killed, the remaining brother had the game invented to explain the tragic event to his mother.

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