

The Fury of a Hurricane

SOL Writing Prep with
Technology Enhanced Items

Read the following rough draft and answer the questions that follow.

(1) Like other national parks, Everglades is a piece of wilderness set aside to be preserved in its natural state. (2) It is a park of birds mammals fish reptiles amphibians and of plants.

(3) Andrew cut through the heart of the park, felling everything in its path. (4) Animals in the park survived well. (5) But the storm left behind a tangled mess of dead and dying plants, lying in torn-up ground.

(6) The last hurricane that seriously damaged Everglades swept through in 1960. (7) That time the park recovered well. (8) Some fallen trees resprouted. (9) Seeds from similar plants blew on the winds or were carried in by animals.

(10) To the north, land has been drained and cleared for towns, ranches, and farms. (11) The natural flow of water through the park has changed, and chemicals seep into the water. (12) Housing developments have gone up right next to the park. (13) And foreign plants have been brought in and planted just outside the park. (14) But they are a problem. (15) There seeds spread like wildfire, grow fast, and thrive in disturbed soil. (16) Once they take hold, they are nearly impossible to get rid of.

(17) Now park scientists fear that foreign plants will invade the hurricane-damaged areas, take hold, and drive out native plants. (18) This would change the parks plant life. (19) It would also change the animal life, because animals depend on native plants for food and for places to nest and raise their young.

(20) No one knows how a big change will take place or how it will affect the songbirds wading birds the raccoons bobcats deer alligators snakes and tree frogs. (21) Park scientists can only wait and see.

(22) Natural scientists are also concerned about damage to the mangrove swamps along southern biscayne bay, where Andrew came ashore

(23) The storm surge spent itself on a string of small barrier islands, which are long narrow sand islands which parallel the mainland and protect the coast. (24) Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia all have barrier islands. (25) But the hurricanes winds and waves battered the shore, which was lined with swamps of mangrove trees. (26) The raging winds shredded the mangroves. (27) When mangroves are lost, many food chains and food webs are affected.

(28) It will be years before anyone can tell how badly Andrew damaged the mangrove swamps and the food chains that begin in them. (29) Florida has lost many miles of mangrove swamps in the past thirty years. (30) They have been filled, cleared and built on. (31) The remaining ones are precious

Directions: Click and drag the comma into the correct location within the sentence. There may be one or more correct locations.

Punctuate sentence 2 correctly.

It is a park of birds mammals fish reptiles
amphibians and of plants.

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Read sentence 10.

To the north, land has been drained and cleared for towns, ranches, and farms.

In this sentence, has been should be written-

- A** have been
- B** were drained
- C** been
- D** as it is

Read sentence 15.

There seeds spread like wildfire, grow fast, and thrive in disturbed soil.

In this sentence, There should be written-

F Their

G They're

H Theyre

J as it is

Read sentence 18.

This would change the parks plant life.

In this sentence, parks plant life should be written-

- A** parks' plant life
- B** park's plant life
- C** parks plant's life
- D** as it is

Read sentence 20.

No one knows who a big change will take place or how it will affect the songbirds wading birds the raccoons bobcats deer alligator snakes and tree frogs.

In sentence 20, the songbirds wading birds the raccoons bobcats deer alligator snakes and tree frogs should be written-

- F** the songbirds, wading birds, the, raccoons, bobcats, deer, alligator snakes, and tree frogs
- G** the songbirds wading birds, the raccoons, bobcats deer, alligator, snakes and tree frogs
- H** the songbirds, wading birds, the raccoons, bobcats, deer, alligator, snakes, and tree frogs
- J** as it is

Read sentence 25.

But the hurricanes winds and waves battered the shore, which was lined with swamps of mangrove trees

In this sentence, hurricanes winds should be written-

- A** hurricanes' winds
- B** hurricanes winds'
- C** hurricane's winds
- D** as it is

Which is the best topic sentence for paragraph 4?

- F** Since 1960, many changes have taken place in the areas around the park.
- G** The hurricane ruined much of the Everglades.
- H** Scientists are worried about the increase in the human population.
- J** The mangroves and animal life have been impacted by hurricanes.

Which sentence does NOT belong in the rough draft?

- A** Sentence 6
- B** Sentence 17
- C** Sentence 24
- D** Sentence 29