



## Mini-Test 2

### PASSAGE II

#### Zion National Park

[1]

In a plateau region of Utah that was once a desert,  
<sup>16</sup> lays a beautiful

national park which span nearly 150,000 acres. The Zion  
<sup>17</sup> National Park features the Virgin River, which

engraves it's long trail through Navajo sandstone. One of the  
<sup>18</sup> features of the park is Zion Canyon, a narrow gorge so deep  
 that sunlight barely reaches the bottom.

[2]

Along the floor of this canyon which contains  
<sup>19</sup> vegetation, it is abundant. The park sits at an  
<sup>19</sup> intersection of ecosystems, which allows a variety of  
 more than 800 different kinds of plants to flourish at  
 any one time. [20]

16. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. desert lies  
 H. desert, lies  
 J. desert lays

17. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. park that spans  
 C. park, that spanning  
 D. park, spans

18. F. NO CHANGE  
 G. one's  
 H. its  
 J. the

19. A. NO CHANGE  
 B. It is quite abundant at the floor which is this  
 canyon containing vegetation.  
 C. Vegetation along this abundant canyon floor is  
 contained.  
 D. Vegetation is abundant along this canyon  
 floor.

20. The author is considering adding a sentence here to  
 convey relevant information concerning vegetation  
 variety. Assuming all of the following are true, which  
 addition best accomplishes this goal?
- F. The widest plant diversity in Utah can be  
 seen at Zion National Park.  
 G. Zion National Park also has hanging gardens.  
 H. A lot of flowers can be seen in the spring and  
 summer.  
 J. A lot of these plants were useful to the Native  
 Americans who once inhabited the area.

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[3]

The terrain rises nearly a mile high then different <sup>21</sup> vegetation can be seen with changes in elevation. The park is home to a variety of

animals, that can be seen, <sup>22</sup> by hikers and other nature lovers.

Along the river, live bank beavers and many different birds. <sup>23</sup>

Throughout the rest of the canyon, birds such as eagles, hawks, falcons, and vultures can be spotted. Foxes, deer, and mountain lions also live within the park.

[4]

The Zion National Park being a popular site <sup>24</sup>

for climbers even though the sandstone makes it a challenge. <sup>25</sup> The same techniques and gear that would work on granite do not work on sandstone because the rock is too loose.

[5]

There are many hiking trails throughout the park that visitors can explore at a leisurely pace. Hiking <sup>26</sup> is a great alternative to climbing for those who are inexperienced.

[6]

The climate at Zion National Park changes throughout the year and at different elevations. Visitors <sup>27</sup> must be prepared for fluctuating

21. A. NO CHANGE  
B. high, then  
C. high, and  
D. high and

22. F. NO CHANGE  
G. animals, that can be seen  
H. animals. That can be seen  
J. animals that can be seen

23. A. NO CHANGE  
B. Along the river, live bank beavers and many different birds:  
C. Bank beavers and many different birds, live along the river.  
D. Bank beavers and many different birds live along the river.

24. F. NO CHANGE  
G. Park is  
H. Park was  
J. Park,

25. A. NO CHANGE  
B. make  
C. would make  
D. had made

26. F. NO CHANGE  
G. park where visitors  
H. park; and visitors  
J. park, visitors

27. A. NO CHANGE  
B. elevations, and, visitors  
C. elevations; therefore, and visitors,  
D. elevations, and visitors

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temperatures, thunderstorms and even wintry snowstorms.

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The best time to visit the park being spring or fall. 30

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28. F. NO CHANGE  
G. thunderstorms, and even,  
H. thunderstorms and even,  
J. thunderstorms, and even
29. A. NO CHANGE  
B. would being  
C. is  
D. in
30. To enhance the logical progression of the essay, the last paragraph should go:
- F. before paragraph 2.  
G. before paragraph 3.  
H. before paragraph 4.  
J. where it is now.

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