present-day level until 2020 and decline to zero by the early 2080, and thus, the springtime snow for the wolverines remain similar to present-day level. (2) However, in both the medium-low scenario, in which emissions rise slightly until 2040 and decline sharply toward the end of the century, and the high scenario, in which greenhouse gas levels continue to rise unabated, the temperatures would increase radically across the wolverine habitat in the mainland U.S. (3). This poses great danger to the breeding of wolverines as they build dens in the lingering snowpack to shelter newborns. (4).

The new simulation shows that even with in the moderate scenario, the springtime snow cover would drop drastically. Without spring snow, wolverines would have to adapt very rapidly to find new ways of sheltering their young. Although it's unclear exactly how wolverines would respond to such changes, the new simulations suggest that the very low numbers of wolverines currently living in the contiguous U.S. would likely decline further in response to habitat deterioration. It's time to help the wolverines before it's too late!

36. In paragraph 1, what sentence is “has a reputation for ferocity and strength out of proportion to its size” closest in meaning to?
   (A) A wolverine is coarse but is scared of animals that are bigger than itself.
   (B) A wolverine is bashful but has the ability to kill prey many times its size.
   (C) A wolverine is cruel and has the ability to kill prey many times its size.
   (D) A wolverine is timid and is scared of animals that are bigger than itself.

37. What is the main idea in paragraph 2?
   (A) The process of how wolverines build their homes.
   (B) The method of how to locate wolverines in North America.
   (C) The current population of wolverines in the world.
   (D) The introduction of wolverines' living environment.

38. According to the passage, why might wolverines become endangered?
   (A) Because there is a shortage of food supply and young wolverines starve to death.
   (B) Because there is a lack of snow and it becomes more difficult for young wolverines to survive.
   (C) Because adult wolverines cannot endure the high temperature and they die of heat stroke.
   (D) Because there is too much carbon dioxide in the air and adult wolverines cannot get enough oxygen.

39. In paragraph 4, what word is “unabated” closest in meaning to?
   (A) Unreduced.
   (B) Undivided.
   (C) Declined.
   (D) Terminated.

40. Where would the sentence “As a result, the wolverine habitat would have no snow cover after 2050” fit best in the square of paragraph 4?
   (A) 1.
   (B) 2.
   (C) 3.
   (D) 4.

Part 3: Writing (20%)  
A. Writing at sentence level
   Directions: Read and choose the best answer for each question.

41. Which of the following sentences is correct?
   (A) Having arrived late for practice, a written excuse was needed.
   (B) Everyone selected to serve on this jury have to be willing to give up a lot of time.
   (C) Even though he had the better arguments and was by far the more powerful speaker.
   (D) Tilting the pot way too much caused the boiling water to spill.

42. Which of the following sentences is correct?
   (A) People who have watched the growth of women's basketball in southern states.
   (B) After reading the original study, the article remains unconvincing.
   (C) The man in a blue sweater was stopped for speeding.
   (D) Entrepreneurship is the study of businesses, college students are embracing it enthusiastically.

43. Which of the following sentences is correct?
   (A) Some of the grain appears to be contaminated.
   (B) He barely kicked that ball twenty yards.
   (C) The tomatoes that tear through this county every spring is more than just a nuisance.
   (D) A record of accomplishment beginning when you were first hired.

44. Which of the following sentences is correct?
   (A) Working far into the night in an effort to salvage her little boat.
   (B) Either my brothers or my father is going to sell the house.
   (C) Piled up next to the washer, I began doing the laundry.
   (D) There are no reason for putting so much investment into this corporation.

45. Which of the following sentences is correct?