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Plagiarism, or Not?

Determine which of the numbered passages illustrates the proper way to paraphrase.

Original Passage

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James L. Buckley, "Three Cheers for the Snail Darter,"
National Review, September 14, 1979: 1144-45.

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Passage 2

Our country's biological diversity is so great and the land so developed that in the near future we may pose a threat to some creature whenever we construct a dam. By developing a national inventory of endangered species, however, we can plan necessary development so as to preserve as many species as possible (Buckley 1144).

Passage 3

America has so many kinds of plants and animals, and it is so built up, that in the near future we may pose a threat to some living thing just by damming some waterway. If, however, we knew which of our nation's plants and animals were threatened, we could use this information to preserve as many species as we can (Buckley 1144).

