More Practice with Inverted Sentences & Subject-Verb Agreement

Exercise 1: Read each sentence. Underline the simple subject one and its verb twice. If they agree, write “correct” on the line. If they do not agree, write the correct verb on the line.

1. The savanna, with its waving grasses, lie next to the desert.
2. It is on the margin of the trade-wind belts.
3. In the savanna lives many large animals.
4. The savanna, except in its rainy summers, are dry.
5. In Africa are the largest savannas.
6. Do savanna exist everywhere in the world?
7. There is many giraffes in the grassland.
8. Names for a savanna includes prairie, scrub, and veld.
9. Do much rain fall each year in the savanna?
10. The balance between grasses and woody plants is delicate.

Exercise 2: Underline the simple subject in each sentence, and circle the correct form of the verb in parentheses which agrees with the subject.

21. The plains near the North Pole (is, are) very cold.
22. The temperature in these zones (is, are) usually below zero.
23. In this area (live, lives) many animals.
24. During the brief summers (grow, grows) a rare moss.
25. In the moss (nest, nests) many birds.
26. There (is, are) little rainfall during the summer.
27. (Does, Do) snow provide the needed moisture?
28. Some areas of the Arctic (is, are) drier than the world’s deserts.
29. There (is, are) several hundred species of plants in the Arctic.
30. Summer melting if icy areas (create, creates) nesting sites for birds.
31. Smog (accumulate, accumulates) over some Arctic areas.
32. Fish, such as cod and salmon, (live, lives) under the ice cap.
33. There (is, are) a reason for the white color of many Arctic animals.
34. (Does, Do) the absence of reptiles affect the ecosystem?
35. Along the well-traveled route (roam, roams) herds of caribou.
36. Here the threat to their habitat (is, are) from the oil pipeline construction.
37. The dense, woolly coat of the musk oxen (is, are) called quivet.
38. There (is, are) many uses for quivet, a valuable raw fiber.
39. In summer (appear, appears) many types of grasses.
40. (Does, Do) lichens help create new soil?