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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following is the main reason so much evidence of the early people of Mesa Verde has been preserved?
 - (A) because it is at the Four Corners
 - (B) because of the dry and arid conditions
 - (C) because ash covered everything
 - (D) because mountains surround the area

2. Why did the Ancient Puebloans move around less and less as time went by?
 - (A) No animals were left to hunt.
 - (B) The water in the area dried up.
 - (C) Agriculture became more important.
 - (D) All of the above

3. How did growing their own food improve the lives of the Ancient Puebloans?
 - (A) They were able to store food.
 - (B) They were able to feed more and more people.
 - (C) They had a source of food that was dependable.
 - (D) All of the above

4. What is the meaning of **pueblo**?
 - (A) town
 - (B) house
 - (C) clay soil
 - (D) pottery

5. Why do archaeologists believe the Ancient Puebloans were peaceful people?
 - (A) No stories of battles were told.
 - (B) No weapons of war have been found.
 - (C) No spears or arrows have been found.
 - (D) No pictures of war have been located on the walls.

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6. What was the purpose of the **sipapu** in the floor of a kiva?
- Ⓐ a way to communicate with people in lower kivas
 - Ⓑ a way for small animals to leave the kiva
 - Ⓒ a doorway to the spirit world
 - Ⓓ a drain for water
7. Which of the following is a summary statement for the section "Leaving the Cliffs?"
- Ⓐ There were long stretches without rain, so it was difficult for the Ancient Puebloans to keep crops alive.
 - Ⓑ The Ancient Puebloans cut down most of the trees for fires and buildings, leaving very few trees for later generations.
 - Ⓒ The cliff dwellers were driven away by enemies who attacked them and wanted to live in their cliffs.
 - Ⓓ The Ancient Puebloans most likely moved south due to warmer weather and a better supply of necessary materials.
8. From whom did the Ancient Puebloans learn the skill of pottery?
- Ⓐ Spanish settlers
 - Ⓑ European explorers
 - Ⓒ Mexican tribes
 - Ⓓ Alaskan Indian tribes
9. What is an **artifact**?
- Ⓐ someone who studies the past
 - Ⓑ objects made by humans, usually long ago
 - Ⓒ a time period many hundreds of years ago
 - Ⓓ a dark, heavy soil which is good for making pottery
10. Which of the following is a possible reason the Ancient Puebloans moved to the cliff dwellings?
- Ⓐ More flat farmland was needed.
 - Ⓑ It was warmer during the winter.
 - Ⓒ They needed new fields to replace used ones.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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11. Extended Response: What is the main idea of this book?

12. Extended Response: Why is it important to preserve the remains of these and other ancient civilizations?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ancient Cliff Dwellers

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. (B) *Main Idea and Details*
2. (C) *Cause and Effect*
3. (D) *Main Idea and Details*
4. (A) *Vocabulary*
5. (B) *Cause and Effect*
6. (C) *Vocabulary*
7. (D) *Main Idea and Details*
8. (C) *Main Idea and Details*
9. (B) *Vocabulary*
10. (D) *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but might be similar to the following: *there are many artifacts left from the cliff dwellers and their ancestors who lived in the Four Corners area that prove them to be skilled artists, builders, and designers.*
12. Answers will vary but may include the following: *many people are interested in learning about and seeing how ancient people lived.*