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

1. The typical rainforest receives between _____ of rain each year.
 - (A) 59 and 157 inches
 - (B) 100 and 220 feet
 - (C) 3 and 10 yards
 - (D) 35 and 40 meters

2. What is the effect of earthworms, termites, fungi, and bacteria on the rainforest floor?
 - (A) They cause many animals to live on the rainforest floor.
 - (B) They have no effect on the rainforest floor.
 - (C) They make the rainforest floor slimy and disgusting.
 - (D) They keep the rainforest floor clean.

3. What is the author's point of view on the Amazon rainforest?
 - (A) The Amazon is a valuable natural resource and should be protected.
 - (B) The Amazon is the best place on Earth for scientists to study plants.
 - (C) The Amazon is just like many other habitats and is not that interesting.
 - (D) The Amazon has many resources, and we should use them all up as quickly as we can.

4. Which of the following animals does not live in the understory of the rainforest?
 - (A) harpy eagle
 - (B) poison arrow frog
 - (C) jaguars
 - (D) snakes

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5. Which of the following words means *plants that grow on other plants*?
- Ⓐ emergents
 - Ⓑ equators
 - Ⓒ epiphytes
 - Ⓓ species
6. What is the purpose of leaf-cutter ants carrying leaves back to their nest?
- Ⓐ The ants give the leaves to the queen for food so she can lay eggs.
 - Ⓑ The ants use the leaves to grow fungi that they consume.
 - Ⓒ The ants use the leaves to construct their nests.
 - Ⓓ The ants eat the leaves when have a food shortage.
7. Which of the following is an opinion?
- Ⓐ The Amazon rainforest provides oxygen to humans and animals.
 - Ⓑ The Amazon rainforest is the most important resource on the planet.
 - Ⓒ The Amazon rainforest is located in South America near the equator.
 - Ⓓ The Amazon rainforest has the most diversity of plants, insects, and animals than anywhere else on earth.

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8. What causes the roots of large trees to grow above ground in the rainforest?
- Ⓐ The roots grow above ground because it is easier for them to absorb water.
 - Ⓑ The roots grow above ground because the ant colonies push them above the surface.
 - Ⓒ The roots grow above ground because rainforest soil is shallow.
 - Ⓓ The roots grow above ground because the ground is crowded with other roots.
9. *Rivers or streams that flow into larger rivers* are called _____.
- Ⓐ pollinators
 - Ⓑ foliage
 - Ⓒ canopies
 - Ⓓ tributaries
10. How do you think the author feels about animals of the rainforest?
- Ⓐ interested and curious
 - Ⓑ scared and nervous
 - Ⓒ bored and indifferent
 - Ⓓ serious and interested
11. **Extended Response:** How is the Amazon rainforest similar to the region you live in? How is it different? Use details from the text to support your response.
12. **Extended Response:** Why does the author refer to the Amazon rainforest as a *rich treasure*? Use details from the text to support your response.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Amazing Amazon

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
11. Answers will vary but students should note differences in climate, resources, geographic location, plant and animal life, and so on.
12. Answers will vary but should express that the Amazon is the largest rainforest in the world and has more kinds of insects, plants, and animals than any other place on Earth. Additionally, the Amazon provides humans with many valuable resources including rubber, food, medicine, and oxygen from the plants.