Q1

正确答案：A

解析：在第一段中，B项对应water regulates the temperature of a plant by its ability to absorb heat；C项对应the nutrients that feed plants are transmitted by water; D项对应water is a raw material in the vital process of photosynthesis。排除法选A。

Q2

正确答案：B

解析：第三段主要讲述一年生植物通过保存种子的方法来躲避干旱。根据the seeds then lie dormant until next wet year, when the desert blooms again确定B正确；原文说的是replenish the seed content而不是produce more seeds，排除A；原文未提及一年生植物在dry year是否开花，排除C；原文没有提及一年生植物和多年生植物多少的比较，排除D。

Q3

正确答案：B

解析：通过理解段意可知，第二段主要介绍了两种植物，perennials和ephemerals，第三段详细介绍了ephemerals，B正确。

Q4

正确答案：D

解析：vigorously，强壮地，茁壮地。在原文中develop vigorously和produce large numbers of flowers and fruit是并列近义，也可据此推断vigorously近义词是strong and healthy。

Q5

正确答案：C

解析：counter，反驳，驳斥，抵制，抵消；近义词是acting against。也可根据countering所在句的意思推断：地面上的植物部分少，地底下的根系网络发达，这种结构是为了对抗干旱。eliminating是干扰选项，因为消除干旱是不可能的。

Q6

正确答案：A

解析：根据root systems到to have a limited amount of mass above ground and to have extensive root networks below ground，所以这样的植物有很少的部分在地上。A项正确，同时排除B；根据Some plants are woody in type…prevent collapse of the plant tissue when water stress produces wilting，排除C； D项在文中没有依据。leafy，叶茂的。

Q7

正确答案：C

解析：assured，肯定的，确保的；近义词是guaranteed，有保证的。diminished，减少的。

Q8

正确答案：C

解析：定位到段落的最后4句。这三种植物都是倒数第4句的观点句，Another class of desert plant is the phreatophyte的举例，C正确；A和D项在文中没有依据； 根据倒数第3句中until they approach the assured water supply provided by grounded water，排除B.

Q9

正确答案：A

解析：高亮句的主干是：Escape involves aestivation, during which animals reduce their metabolic rate and body temperature during the hot season or during very dry spells，A项是对句子主干意思的同义改写，such as是对one way的改写，hottest and driest times是对the hot season or during very dry spells的同义改写。B项错在原文未提及without using direct action； 原文是“降低代谢率和体温”，C项错在说二者是“或”的关系； D原文说的是aestivation是逃避的一种方式，而不是逃避的原因，排除D。

Q10

正确答案：A

解析：根据reduce their metabolic rate and body temperature during the hot season or during very dry spells，对照选项可推断出动物会退到的地方日晒少；通过下一段的最后一句话，Birds shelter in nests, rock overhangs…kangaroo rat burrow underground，也可推断动物retreat的地方都能避免阳光，A正确。其它选项在文中没有依据。

Q11

正确答案：D

解析：第七段从第2句开始都是在讲火鸟。 D 项是对When conditions are hot, the ostrich erects them on its back这句话的同义改写。根据第2句中the features are long but not too dense, 排除A； 根据第4句allows considerable lateral air movement，原文没提only，排除B；原文说的是The sparse distribution of the feathers，所以羽毛稀少，而不是thickly，排除C。

Q12

正确答案：B

解析：插入句中的For this reason提示前文有reason的具体内容，且这个原因导致的结果是在沙漠地区的植物比温带森林植物的含水量少100倍。对应这个结果的原因是B处前的water controls the volume of plant matter produced（水影响植物的组织结构）。

Q13

正确答案：ANNUALS: BF; PERENNIALS: ADG

解析：ANNUALS:

根据第三段The ephemeral plants evade drought. Given a year of favorable precipitation, such plants will develop vigorously and produce large numbers of flowers and fruit，B项对应Annuals；根据第二段annuals or ephemerals, which have a short life cycle，F项对应Annuals ；

PERENNIALS:

根据第二段long-lived perennials, which may be succulent (water-storing) and are often dwarfed and woody，A和D项对应Perennials；根据第四段loss of water through the leaves is reduced，G项对应Perennials。

C项的long, thin, shallow roots和第四段对Perennials根部的描述矛盾，原文说的是It is not unusual for the roots of some desert perennials to extend downward more than ten meters；E项的光合作用只在第一段提到了，而且只说了water is a raw material in the vital process of photosynthesis