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

1. Why do we need to take care of Earth's water?
 - Ⓐ It covers most of Earth.
 - Ⓑ Living things need it to survive.
 - Ⓒ It's Earth's most important resource.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. What in the Colorado River helped to carve the Grand Canyon?
 - Ⓐ tree trunks
 - Ⓑ tributaries
 - Ⓒ sediment
 - Ⓓ fish
3. What is **water vapor**?
 - Ⓐ water in oceans
 - Ⓑ water that is underground
 - Ⓒ water as an invisible cloud
 - Ⓓ water between rocks and sand
4. If pollution is put into a stream, where will it likely end up?
 - Ⓐ in the ocean
 - Ⓑ in the watershed
 - Ⓒ in smaller streams
 - Ⓓ all of the above
5. How does a flood help a farmer?
 - Ⓐ Crops can be ruined.
 - Ⓑ Rivers spill over their banks.
 - Ⓒ Rich soil is left on the floodplain.
 - Ⓓ Fish may die from the dirt in the water.
6. The force of water flowing in rivers helps make electricity.
 - Ⓐ dams
 - Ⓑ deltas
 - Ⓒ barges
 - Ⓓ factories

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7. If large amounts of rain or snow fall, _____ is likely to happen.
 - Ⓐ flooding
 - Ⓑ damage
 - Ⓒ rising streams
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. What is one way lumber companies use rivers?
 - Ⓐ to cut down trees
 - Ⓑ to irrigate the trees
 - Ⓒ to help move logs from forests to mills
 - Ⓓ to kill trees so they can cut them easier
9. Where can water be found?
 - Ⓐ in clouds
 - Ⓑ between rocks and sand
 - Ⓒ in lakes, ponds, rivers, and oceans
 - Ⓓ all of the above
10. What does it mean to **pollute**?
 - Ⓐ to supply land with water
 - Ⓑ to clean up and make useable
 - Ⓒ to make harmful to humans, plants, and animals
 - Ⓓ to be carried downstream by the force of water
11. **Extended Response:** Explain one way rivers become polluted.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Force of Water

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but likely will include one of the following ideas: *factories or cities dump wastes into rivers; floods can cause many things to flow into rivers; things get spilled from boats; things run off farms into rivers.*