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

1. The attitude the author has toward insects can best be described as _____.
 - Ⓐ frightened
 - Ⓑ respectful
 - Ⓒ annoyed
 - Ⓓ indifferent
2. The author wrote *Giant Insects* mainly to _____.
 - Ⓐ explain how insects have evolved since prehistoric times
 - Ⓑ persuade readers to go on an insect safari
 - Ⓒ inform readers about the types of giant insects around the world
 - Ⓓ entertain readers with stories about dangerous insects
3. Read this sentence: **Colonies** can have over twenty-two million ants. What does the word **colonies** mean?
 - Ⓐ changes to fit a specific situation or environment
 - Ⓑ very large individuals
 - Ⓒ groups of animals that live together
 - Ⓓ parts of a forest where the tops of trees form a dense layer of foliage
4. The goliath beetle got its name because _____.
 - Ⓐ it is so long
 - Ⓑ it is so heavy
 - Ⓒ it is so ugly
 - Ⓓ it is so round

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5. Which of the following happened as a result of rats and mice being introduced to Little Barrier Island?
 - Ⓐ The wetapunga were almost wiped out.
 - Ⓑ The wetapunga overtook trees in populated areas.
 - Ⓒ The wetapunga migrated to a nearby island.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
6. What is another good title for this book?
 - Ⓐ *Insects Are Everywhere*
 - Ⓑ *Titans of the Insect World*
 - Ⓒ *New Insect Species*
 - Ⓓ *Rainforest Insects*
7. What makes this book a nonfiction informational book?
 - Ⓐ It is a factual book that gives information about real things.
 - Ⓑ It is written from the imagination of the writer.
 - Ⓒ It includes several details based on the opinion of the author.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
8. The majority of the insects described in this book live _____.
 - Ⓐ in dry, desertlike regions
 - Ⓑ in inland regions lacking foliage
 - Ⓒ in urban developments
 - Ⓓ in tropical rainforests
9. What does it mean to **adapt** to a new environment?
 - Ⓐ change to fit
 - Ⓑ leave
 - Ⓒ destroy
 - Ⓓ stay the same
10. The author wrote this book as if the reader were _____.
 - Ⓐ a scientist
 - Ⓑ an explorer and a scientist
 - Ⓒ a tour guide
 - Ⓓ a tour guide and a museum visitor
11. **Extended Response:** Which of the insects in this book do you find most interesting? Why?
12. **Extended Response:** Why do you think there are so many insect species still undiscovered? Explain.

Quick Check Answer Sheet**Giant Insects**

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ *Author's Point of View*
2. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓐ *Identify Genre*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
11. Answers will vary based on background knowledge and personal opinion but should include the name of an insect and details supporting why the insect is interesting.
12. Answers will vary according to background knowledge but may include conclusions that insects live in remote or uninhabitable regions or are too small for scientists to easily find.