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

1. What is the author's point of view on March Madness?
 - Ⓐ March Madness has become too big of an event, and fewer teams should be able to participate.
 - Ⓑ March Madness is like any other sporting event.
 - Ⓒ March Madness is an exciting time when anything can happen.
 - Ⓓ March Madness does not give each team a fair opportunity to win.
2. What is the main idea of the section "Now or Never"?
 - Ⓐ The National Basketball Association includes many former March Madness players.
 - Ⓑ March Madness is a time for players to shine because they might not get another chance.
 - Ⓒ Canada has one member in the National Collegiate Athletic Association.
 - Ⓓ The path of the March Madness championship is long and difficult.
3. Which word means *being impossible to know ahead of time*?
 - Ⓐ uncanny
 - Ⓑ unlikely
 - Ⓒ uncommon
 - Ⓓ unpredictable

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4. Which of the following is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ March Madness is the most exciting event of the year.
 - Ⓑ Former president Barack Obama is a big fan of March Madness.
 - Ⓒ In 1982, the NCAA started a women's March Madness tournament.
 - Ⓓ Breanna Stewart won the honor of Most Outstanding Player four years in a row.
5. What are Cinderella teams?
 - Ⓐ teams that are out of the tournament if they lose one game
 - Ⓑ teams that are not expected to do well and then prove themselves in the tournament
 - Ⓒ teams that are expected to do very well and win the tournament
 - Ⓓ teams that have the best players in the league
6. What is one effect of the March Madness tournament?
 - Ⓐ Fewer people are watching other sporting events.
 - Ⓑ More people are trying to play basketball in college.
 - Ⓒ College basketball players are being paid more money.
 - Ⓓ The world has been introduced to some of the greatest basketball players of all time.
7. In what year did the March Madness tournament begin?
 - Ⓐ 2016
 - Ⓑ 1939
 - Ⓒ 1983
 - Ⓓ 1982

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8. How do you think the author feels about college basketball players?
 - Ⓐ He thinks they get too carried away with March Madness.
 - Ⓑ He thinks they make too much money.
 - Ⓒ He thinks they are very hardworking and passionate about what they do.
 - Ⓓ He thinks they are just as good as other college athletes.
9. What is the effect of a team being chosen by the ten-person committee on Selection Sunday?
 - Ⓐ It gets to play another team to try to win a spot in the March Madness tournament.
 - Ⓑ It gets to play in the March Madness tournament.
 - Ⓒ It is not included in the March Madness tournament.
 - Ⓓ It must try to convince the committee that it should be allowed to play in the March Madness tournament.
10. *When someone or something is more powerful than someone or something else, it is _____.*
 - Ⓐ an underdog
 - Ⓑ dominant
 - Ⓒ regulated
 - Ⓓ difficult
11. **Extended Response:** Why is the college basketball tournament called March Madness?
12. **Extended Response:** Who was Patricia Summitt, and why is she well known?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

March Madness

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

1. Ⓒ *Author's Point of View*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
5. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓒ *Author's Point of View*
9. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include the fact that the tournament takes place each year in the month of March. Students should also note that the word *madness* refers to the excitement and passion of both the players and fans before and during the tournament.
12. Answers should include the following: *Patricia Summitt was the coach of the Tennessee Lay Volunteers. During her career, she earned more wins than any other coach in NCAA history. While under her leadership, the Volunteers never failed to qualify for the tournament.*