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

1. What is the main purpose of national parks?
 - Ⓐ to preserve areas of wilderness
 - Ⓑ to protect cultures and histories
 - Ⓒ to provide people with wild places to visit
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. In which park do reindeer live?
 - Ⓐ Everglades Park, U.S.A.
 - Ⓑ Sareks Park, Sweden
 - Ⓒ Volcanoes Park, U.S.A.
 - Ⓓ Saguenay–St. Lawrence Area, Canada
3. What does **diversity** mean?
 - Ⓐ variety
 - Ⓑ similar
 - Ⓒ large
 - Ⓓ ancient
4. Why did President Ulysses S. Grant protect Yellowstone as the first national park?
 - Ⓐ The animals were moving out.
 - Ⓑ There were lots of people living nearby.
 - Ⓒ It was far away from Washington, D.C.
 - Ⓓ It had a unique and fragile beauty he enjoyed.
5. Which statement is a summary of this book?
 - Ⓐ National parks preserve an amazing variety of natural, fragile beauty and wildlife around the world.
 - Ⓑ The first national park was created by President Theodore Roosevelt in the United States.
 - Ⓒ The Serengeti is a famous grassland that to the Masai means “the place where the land goes on forever.”
 - Ⓓ There are various threats to national parks today that people must work to overcome.

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6. Why would people have created Rock Creek Park, which is in the middle of Washington, D.C.?
 - Ⓐ It preserves cultures and heritages.
 - Ⓑ It is a shelter for plants and animals.
 - Ⓒ It is a place to hold outdoor concerts.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. Why would scientists want to visit the Santa Rosa National Park in Costa Rica?
 - Ⓐ to hike, camp, and surf
 - Ⓑ to study its historical battle sites
 - Ⓒ to study how the plants and animals interact
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. How are the Serengeti National Park and Tassili N'Ajjer National Park similar?
 - Ⓐ They are both entirely underwater.
 - Ⓑ They are both in Africa.
 - Ⓒ Many species of whales live in both parks.
 - Ⓓ Visitors can go hiking and surfing in both parks.
9. What does **preservation** mean?
 - Ⓐ to develop
 - Ⓑ to ignore
 - Ⓒ to keep safe
 - Ⓓ to let fall apart
10. What is a **savanna**?
 - Ⓐ dry grassland
 - Ⓑ underwater habitat
 - Ⓒ place where sea turtles nest
 - Ⓓ place where volcanoes develop

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11. Extended Response: What are three reasons national parks may be threatened?

12. Extended Response: If you went to Saguenay–St. Lawrence National Marine Park, how would you choose to see the animals? Give two reasons why.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

National Parks

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
3. Ⓐ Vocabulary
4. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
7. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓒ Vocabulary
10. Ⓐ Vocabulary
11. Answers should include some of the following: *people often use parklands for growing crops, grazing livestock, and gathering firewood; many visitors to a park can cause problems by leaving behind litter, trampling trails, and polluting the air with snowmobile exhaust.*
12. Answers should include the ways in which you can visit the park: *by boat, kayaks, scuba-diving, hiking, and ice fishing.*