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

1. What was the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to persuade readers to travel to Brazil
  - Ⓑ to inform readers about the country of Brazil
  - Ⓒ to describe the animals of the Amazon rainforest
  - Ⓓ to entertain readers with colorful descriptions of Brazil
2. Why does the author include information about the Catholic religion in the "Celebrations" section?
  - Ⓐ to support the idea that many holidays in Brazil are religious holidays
  - Ⓑ to support the idea that Carnival is the most popular holiday in Brazil
  - Ⓒ to explain why many holidays in Brazil are from Portugal
  - Ⓓ to persuade readers to celebrate Catholic holidays
3. What is one result of **deforestation**?
  - Ⓐ more forests for animals
  - Ⓑ loss of jobs for people
  - Ⓒ loss of homes for people
  - Ⓓ loss of habitats for animals
4. The author calls the Amazon rainforest the *lungs of the planet* because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ it produces 20 percent of Earth's oxygen
  - Ⓑ it is the largest tropical rainforest in the world
  - Ⓒ it has the widest variety of life in the world
  - Ⓓ it is experiencing deforestation

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5. Which detail supports the idea that Brazil is a melting pot of people?

- Ⓐ Many tourists visit Brazil's beautiful sandy beaches.
- Ⓑ Poverty and unemployment are challenges faced by Brazil's people.
- Ⓒ The earliest known people who lived in Brazil were American Indians.
- Ⓓ About four out of every ten Brazilians are of mixed ancestry.

6 **Extended Response:** Choose two regions of Brazil. How are they similar to and different from each other?

1. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
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3. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
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6. Answers will vary but students should compare and contrast two regions of Brazil: Amazon basin (including Amazon rainforest and Amazon River), two regions of highlands, Pantanal, coastal lowlands. Example: *The Amazon basin includes both the largest tropical rainforest in the world and the Amazon River. It's very wet and rainy. The Pantanal is also wet because it's one of the world's largest freshwater ecosystems. Both regions support an amazing variety of life and are important to the rest of the world for oxygen and fresh water. However, the Pantanal has a dry season, while the Amazon basin does not.*