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

1. When it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere, what season is it in the Southern Hemisphere?
  - Ⓐ fall
  - Ⓑ spring
  - Ⓒ summer
  - Ⓓ winter
2. The main idea of the section titled "Currents and Peninsulas" is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ peninsulas and currents can affect the climate of an area
  - Ⓑ the Atlantic Ocean borders both the United States and Spain
  - Ⓒ many people live on peninsulas because the fishing is good
  - Ⓓ currents can help people travel to different countries
3. How are Beijing, China, and New York City alike?
  - Ⓐ Most people in both cities speak English.
  - Ⓑ Both cities have the same kind of weather at the same time of year.
  - Ⓒ Both cities are in the Southern Hemisphere.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Which of the following is a reason that Madrid is warmer than Beijing during the winter?
  - Ⓐ Madrid is farther south than Beijing.
  - Ⓑ Madrid gets more sunshine than Beijing.
  - Ⓒ A warm ocean current helps to keep Madrid warmer than Beijing.
  - Ⓓ All of the above

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5. What is a **peninsula**?

- Ⓐ a small body of water
- Ⓑ an island that has many beaches
- Ⓒ an ocean
- Ⓓ a piece of land with water on three sides

6. We have seasons on Earth because \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ Earth is tilted in space
- Ⓑ the Sun sends out different amounts of heat
- Ⓒ there are more clouds at certain times of the year
- Ⓓ all of the above

7. Which statement is true about Wellington, New Zealand?

- Ⓐ Wellington is located near Cook's Strait.
- Ⓑ Many people who live in Wellington go to nearby beaches in January.
- Ⓒ There are tall hills around Wellington.
- Ⓓ All of the above

8. In June it would be \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ warm in New York City and cold in Wellington, New Zealand
- Ⓑ cold in both New York City and Beijing, China
- Ⓒ warm in both Wellington, New Zealand, and in Valdivia, Chile
- Ⓓ sometimes warm and sometimes cold in New York City

9. The author wrote this book to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ let readers know what they could find in New York City
- Ⓑ help readers to understand what causes seasons of the year
- Ⓒ teach readers about how to travel from north to south
- Ⓓ explain what could be learned by visiting the Great Wall of China

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10. What word means *the ideas and customs of a certain group of people*?

- Ⓐ cult
- Ⓑ creature
- Ⓒ culture
- Ⓓ creation

11. **Extended Response:** Why are Valdivia, Chile, and Wellington, New Zealand, warm in January?

12. **Extended Response:** How might Western Europe's climate be different if the North Atlantic Drift ever changed direction?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Expedition 40: The Secret of the Seasons

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include the following idea: *they are both in the Southern Hemisphere, which tilts toward the Sun during January.*
12. Answers should include the following idea: *Western Europe's climate might become colder if the North Atlantic Drift stopped bringing warmer water near its shores.*