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

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| <p>1. Which of the following is an opinion about Petra?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Petra is located in one of Earth's driest deserts and is surrounded by dramatic red sandstone cliffs and gorges. Ⓑ It's possible to see Petra in two days, but locals say five days is ideal, and they recommend wearing sturdy shoes and sunblock. Ⓒ Petra is in southwestern Jordan, in a valley between the Dead Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba, a northern extension of the Red Sea. Ⓓ Many of Petra's structures, which also include temples, monuments, altars, and houses, are over 30 meters (100 ft.) tall. | <p>2. What is the main idea of the section "Building Petra"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Scientists have many theories as to how the Nabataeans built Petra, but no one knows for sure. Ⓑ Petra's rock-cut monuments were carved from the top down and its freestanding structures were constructed from the bottom up. Ⓒ The Nabataeans worshipped the Sun, which is evident on the winter solstice when the Sun aligns with 80 percent of Petra's main structures. Ⓓ Overcoming the challenge of storing, collecting, and distributing water allowed the city of Petra to hold over twenty thousand people. |
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3. Why did the author write this book about Petra?

- Ⓐ to entertain readers with a daring adventure in the Middle East
- Ⓑ to inform readers of the history of the Middle East and how the area has developed over time
- Ⓒ to persuade readers to save money to visit this dazzling Rose City
- Ⓓ to inform readers of Petra's history, tourism, and importance in today's modern world

4. How did the spread of Christianity impact Petra?

- Ⓐ The design of the city was changed to mirror the design of Rome.
- Ⓑ Ancient sites for worshipping the Sun were destroyed.
- Ⓒ The Nabataeans fought a war with the Romans.
- Ⓓ Petra Church was built around 450.

5. Read this sentence from the book: *Another significant aspect of Petra's **infrastructure** is an extensive system of water management.* What is **infrastructure**?

- Ⓐ the system of public structures and facilities that a region depends on to function, such as roads and utilities
- Ⓑ a picture made from tiny colored bits, such as paper, tile, or beads
- Ⓒ the system of temporary platforms used to support workers during building, repairing, or decorating a structure
- Ⓓ a person who moves from place to place with no permanent home

6. **Extended Response:** Explain the two theories of how the Nabataeans built Petra. Which theory do you think is most plausible? Why?

1. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary. They should include the two main theories for how Petra was built (pages 15-16) as well as the student's opinion about which theory is most plausible and why.