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

1. Which detail supports the idea that Mexico is a land with many mountain ranges?
  - Ⓐ The Yucatán Peninsula is made of limestone that has dissolved away.
  - Ⓑ Some of Mexico's mountains are also volcanoes.
  - Ⓒ Mexico City is a very old city.
  - Ⓓ Mexico has canyons that reach amazing depths.
2. What is the author's purpose for including information about the Maya?
  - Ⓐ to explain why the Aztec people came to Mexico
  - Ⓑ to persuade people to visit the old Mayan pyramids
  - Ⓒ to explain why Mexico is famous for its artists
  - Ⓓ to tell about Mexico's earliest known people
3. **Cenotes** are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ Mayan pyramids
  - Ⓑ shallow bodies of water between a reef and the shoreline
  - Ⓒ underground caves filled with water
  - Ⓓ deep valleys with steep sides
4. In what ways is a jaguar unlike many other big cats?
  - Ⓐ It lives in the lowlands of Mexico.
  - Ⓑ It plays, swims, and hunts in water.
  - Ⓒ People write songs and stories about it.
  - Ⓓ It eats other animals, such as the peccary.

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5. The quetzal is like many other types of birds because \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ⓐ it lives in areas where few people go
  - Ⓑ both the female and male are brightly colored
  - Ⓒ it has very long tail feathers
  - Ⓓ the female is plainer-looking than the male
6. **Extended Response:** How did people from Spain affect Mexico's history? Give at least one example.

1. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
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6. Answers will vary but should include at least one example of how people from Spain affected Mexico's history. For example:  
*An explorer from Spain came to Mexico in 1519, and soon after the Aztecs were conquered by the Spanish. Mexico became a Spanish colony in 1521.*