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

1. The author's purpose is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ to entertain
  - Ⓑ to inform
  - Ⓒ to persuade
  - Ⓓ to explain a process
2. What does the title refer to?
  - Ⓐ the age of the author
  - Ⓑ the temperature of the land
  - Ⓒ the rough latitude of the areas discussed
  - Ⓓ the number of expeditions
3. The climate is similar at both 25° north latitude and 25° south latitude because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ they are the same distance from the equator
  - Ⓑ both areas have mountains
  - Ⓒ of global warming
  - Ⓓ all of the above
4. Based on the hint to take plenty of water on this trip, what is the most logical assumption?
  - Ⓐ The plumbing is not good in the subtropics.
  - Ⓑ Water is a healthy thing.
  - Ⓒ The water in the areas of the expedition is not clean.
  - Ⓓ The subtropics are often hot and dry.
5. The book is about countries in the \_\_\_\_\_ zone.
  - Ⓐ tropical
  - Ⓑ Tropic of Capricorn
  - Ⓒ subtropical
  - Ⓓ Tropic of Cancer
6. How are the Namib Desert and Cairo, Egypt similar?
  - Ⓐ both are in Africa
  - Ⓑ both have many people
  - Ⓒ both have ample water
  - Ⓓ both have huge sand dunes

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7. Saudi Arabia is unlike Cairo in that \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ it is very hot and dry
- Ⓑ it has no rivers
- Ⓒ there are no people there
- Ⓓ none of the above

8. **Desalinization** is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ the process of drilling wells
- Ⓑ the study of Islam
- Ⓒ the process of removing salt from seawater
- Ⓓ the ability to survive in the desert

9. All the deserts and cities in this book are similar because \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ all are heavily populated
- Ⓑ all have high pressure and low rainfall
- Ⓒ all have similar lifestyles and people
- Ⓓ all are near water

10. What are lines of **latitude**?

- Ⓐ lines drawn on the earth
- Ⓑ lines used to tell time from country to country
- Ⓒ lines that predict weather across regions
- Ⓓ lines running east and west on a globe or map that measure the distance north or south of the equator

11. **Extended Response:** What do you think would happen if there were no cold current in the ocean next to the Atacama Desert?

12. **Extended Response:** How are the tropics and subtropics different? Use details from the text to support your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Expedition 25: The Subtropics

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
2. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
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5. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓐ Compare and Contrast
7. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
8. Ⓒ Vocabulary
9. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
10. Ⓓ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include the following idea: *the ocean water would evaporate, causing more rain to fall in the Atacama Desert.*
12. Answer should include the following ideas: *the tropics are near the equator, and high pressure keeps rainfall between 40 and 80 inches per year; the subtropics are further away from equator, and high pressure keeps hot, dry air stuck over the subtropics, so they get less than 10 inches of rain per year.*