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

1. Which detail supports the idea that Mexico City is a blend of old and new?
  - Ⓐ Mountains surround the city, which sits in a basin.
  - Ⓑ It is home to a population of more than nineteen million people.
  - Ⓒ It contains floating gardens used to grow crops long ago.
  - Ⓓ It includes Chapultepec Park, which is the city's largest park.
2. What is the author's purpose for including information about Mexico's earthquakes?
  - Ⓐ to illustrate the results of being part of the Ring of Fire
  - Ⓑ to persuade people not to visit Mexico
  - Ⓒ to explain the country's geographic contrasts
  - Ⓓ to explain why so many people in Mexico live in cities
3. Indigenous people are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ skilled craftspeople
  - Ⓑ people who conquer others
  - Ⓒ the native people of a region
  - Ⓓ people of European and American Indian ancestry
4. From Chichén Itzá, scientists can tell that the Maya \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ had some understanding of stars and planets
  - Ⓑ had some knowledge of castles in other countries
  - Ⓒ worshipped the moon
  - Ⓓ worshipped the sun

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5. What is the main idea of the "Land" section?
  - Ⓐ Mexico has a canyon larger than the Grand Canyon.
  - Ⓑ Mexico is a land of geographic opposites.
  - Ⓒ Volcanoes have made the country too dangerous to live in.
  - Ⓓ Earthquakes can cause terrible disasters.
  
6. **Extended Response:** How did the coming of Spanish explorers change Mexico? Give three results of their arrival.

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Answers will vary but should include three results of the arrival of the Spanish in Mexico. For example: *Many of the native people died as a result of diseases Spanish explorers brought. In addition, Mexico became a colony of Spain. Finally, many people today have Spanish ancestors.*