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

1. The author's purpose is _____.
 - Ⓐ to inform
 - Ⓑ to entertain
 - Ⓒ to persuade
 - Ⓓ to explain a process
2. This book describes a trip along _____.
 - Ⓐ the Amazon River
 - Ⓑ the equator
 - Ⓒ tropical rainforests
 - Ⓓ only Singapore's coast
3. Tropical plants require _____.
 - Ⓐ lots of plant food
 - Ⓑ lots of heat and moisture
 - Ⓒ frequent trimming
 - Ⓓ rich soil and fertilizer
4. How are Singapore and Bali alike?
 - Ⓐ Both are icy in the winter.
 - Ⓑ Neither is an island.
 - Ⓒ Both are near the equator.
 - Ⓓ Both have major shipping ports.
5. Even though Mt. Kenya is on the equator, it is cold because _____.
 - Ⓐ it is not close to the ocean
 - Ⓑ it is far from the city
 - Ⓒ it snows there often
 - Ⓓ it is at a high altitude
6. A **mosque** is _____.
 - Ⓐ an Islamic place of worship
 - Ⓑ part of a costume
 - Ⓒ eaten in areas of Java
 - Ⓓ used to travel up the Amazon River
7. The volcanic soil in Java _____.
 - Ⓐ kills plants
 - Ⓑ is very rich
 - Ⓒ will not support buildings
 - Ⓓ none of the above

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8. Read this example sentence:
*People in Bali use **terraces** to farm.* What are **terraces**?

- Ⓐ tractors
- Ⓑ special boats
- Ⓒ flat plots of land carved into the sides of hills
- Ⓓ tools for working wet soil

9. Traditional Congolese foods include _____.

- Ⓐ fish noodles, and eggs
- Ⓑ rice, chicken, and peanuts
- Ⓒ pizza, hamburgers, and french fries
- Ⓓ plantains, yams, and cassava

10. Why are houses along the Amazon River built high off the ground?

- Ⓐ dangerous animals live in the river
- Ⓑ the river rises and falls depending on the rain
- Ⓒ high houses allow people to reach fruit on trees
- Ⓓ people store their boats underneath their houses

11. **Extended Response:** How are the places along the equator the same?

12. **Extended Response:** What makes the Amazon Rainforest different from the Congo?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Expedition Zero

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
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11. Answers will vary but should include: *they have a tropical climate with a lot of heat and moisture, they have a good climate for growing a variety of crops, and days near the equator are close to 12 hours long no matter the season.*
12. Answers should include that the Amazon soil is poor and the forests are too thick for growing crops, while the Congo is good for growing crops.