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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 do all the animals in this book have in common?
 - Ⓐ They all have special abilities or appearances.
 - Ⓑ They all protect themselves using camouflage.
 - Ⓒ They all live in land habitats.
 - Ⓓ They all build their own homes.
3. What makes an archerfish special?
 - Ⓐ it swims really well
 - Ⓑ it eats bugs
 - Ⓒ it knocks bugs into the water
 - Ⓓ it can leap very high
4. The beaver's purpose in building a dam is _____.
 - Ⓐ to keep its teeth sharp
 - Ⓑ to make a lodge
 - Ⓒ to drown other animals
 - Ⓓ to destroy trees
5. The bell bird is protected from enemies by _____.
 - Ⓐ its loud, strange call
 - Ⓑ its bright colors
 - Ⓒ avocados
 - Ⓓ its migratory pattern
6. Chameleons are wonders of nature because of their _____.
 - Ⓐ ability to change color
 - Ⓑ very long tongues
 - Ⓒ ability to use their eyes together or separately
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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7. How are sea dragons and archerfish similar?
 - Ⓐ both spit water at insects
 - Ⓑ both are flying fish
 - Ⓒ both live in water
 - Ⓓ both live in trees
8. How are chameleons and flying dragons alike?
 - Ⓐ They both are lizards.
 - Ⓑ They both eat insects.
 - Ⓒ They both have unusual physical abilities.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Leaf insects are protected by **camouflage**. **Camouflage** means _____.
 - Ⓐ army uniforms
 - Ⓑ colors or patterns that disguise
 - Ⓒ poison glands
 - Ⓓ none of these
10. The trap-door spider's name comes from _____.
 - Ⓐ the special door it builds to its tunnel
 - Ⓑ its speed in catching insects
 - Ⓒ the way it always makes a web next to a door
 - Ⓓ its lack of silk glands
11. **Extended Response:** Compare and contrast the bower bird and three-wattled bell bird. List at least one similarity and two differences.
12. **Extended Response:** How are beavers both destructive and helpful to their environment?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Wonders of Nature

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. **(B)** Author's Purpose
2. **(A)** Compare and Contrast
3. **(C)** Main Idea and Details
4. **(B)** Main Idea and Details
5. **(A)** Main Idea and Details
6. **(D)** Main Idea and Details
7. **(C)** Compare and Contrast
8. **(D)** Compare and Contrast
9. **(B)** Vocabulary
10. **(A)** Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
11. Answers will vary but should include supporting information such as:
Both are birds (similarity); bell birds have wattles, bell birds use sounds to scare away their enemies; bell birds like to eat avocados, bell birds migrate to follow ripe avocados; bower birds build and decorate bowers (differences).
12. Answers will vary but should include supporting information such as:
Beavers chop down trees to create dams (destructive); the dams flood areas and make ponds (both destructive and helpful); the ponds and wetlands become home to many other animals (helpful); the wetlands help filter and clean the water (helpful).