Quick Check Desert People

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

- 1. What is one way the Sonoran Desert is different from the Sahara Desert?
 - (A) The Sonoran Desert is home to the Bedouin.
 - (B) The Sonoran Desert has fewer animals.
 - © The Sonoran Desert has fewer plants.
 - ① The Sonoran Desert gets more rain per year.
- **2.** Because Tohono O'odham girls had to carry water over long distances, they _____.
 - (A) needed to be strong
 - (B) had to have brave brothers
 - © never got lost
 - ① were often attacked
- 3. What made it possible for the Tohono O'odham to grow plants in the Sonoran Desert?
 - (A) the high elevation where they lived
 - (B) the rich soils near springs
 - (C) the summer rains
 - (1) the warm winter nights

- **4.** Why do you think the author wrote this book?
 - A to describe how people learned to live in desert areas
 - (B) to explain the customs of the Tohono O'odham
 - © to tell about the different foods in a desert
 - ① to give people information about traveling to the Sonoran Desert and Sahara Desert
- 5. Why did people living in different deserts eat different foods?
 - (A) People liked different foods.
 - B Different foods were found in each desert.
 - © People didn't know about other foods.
 - People didn't know which plants they could eat.

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- 6. Why did the author say the Sonoran Desert was like a supermarket for the Tohono O'odham?
 - A The Tohono O'odham could find almost all the food they needed somewhere in the desert.
 - B The Tohono O'odham often saw their neighbors while they were hunting food in the desert.
 - The Tohono O'odham could pay cash to the other tribes living in the desert for all kinds of food.
 - ① The Tohono O'odham could ride their camels to the next village's grocery store.
- 7. How did the Bedouin solve the problem of not having enough water?
 - A They knew where to find oases.
 - B They bought bottled water from grocery stores.
 - ① They performed rain dances.
 - ① They knew where to find oases, and they dug wells.

- 8. How was the "supermarket" of the Sahara Desert different from the Sonoran Desert "supermarket"?
 - A The Sahara Desert was more important to the Bedouin than the Sonoran Desert was to the Tohono O'odham.
 - B The Sahara Desert was home to fewer kinds of plants and animals.
 - © More animals and water could be found in the Sahara Desert.
 - ① The Sahara Desert was smaller than the Sonoran Desert.
- **9.** If you **adapt** to a situation, it means you _____.
 - (A) live
 - (B) adjust
 - (C) leave
 - ① fly

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- 10. Why was it important for the Bedouin to own animals that could carry heavy loads?
 - (A) The Bedouin were big people.
 - B The Bedouin often moved to new areas with all their belongings.
 - © The Bedouin needed camels to help dig wells.
 - ① The Bedouin were unable to keep weak animals alive.
- **11. Extended Response:** Why were camels important to the survival of the Bedouin?
- 12. Extended Response: If you could live in the traditional way with one desert people, which group would you choose to visit? Explain your choice.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

- **1.** ① Compare and Contrast
- 2. (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **3.** (C) Cause and Effect
- **4.** A Author's Purpose
- **5. (B)** Cause and Effect
- **6.** (A) Author's Point of View
- 7. (D) Problem and Solution
- **8.** B Compare and Contrast
- **9.** B Vocabulary
- **10.** (B) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 11. Answers will vary but should include valid reasoning. Example: Camels were important because they provided meat, clothing, transportation, and other things for the Bedouin.
- 12. Answers will vary but should include valid reasoning. Example: I would visit the Tohono O'odham because they had more food available near where they lived and didn't have to move around so much.