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

1. What is the author's point of view on the Amazon rainforest?
  - Ⓐ The Amazon is a special place and should be taken care of and protected.
  - Ⓑ The Amazon is the best place on Earth for scientists to study plants and animals.
  - Ⓒ The Amazon is just like many other habitats and is not that interesting.
  - Ⓓ The Amazon has many resources, and we should use them all up.
2. What is the main idea of the section titled "Rainforests"?
  - Ⓐ Animals that live in rainforests are interesting.
  - Ⓑ Rainforests are green year-round.
  - Ⓒ The Amazon is the largest rainforest in the world.
  - Ⓓ Tropical rainforests are forests where it is warm and rains a lot.
3. Which of the following words means *areas of land or water that animals or groups of animals defend and live in*?
  - Ⓐ habitat
  - Ⓑ equator
  - Ⓒ territories
  - Ⓓ canopy
4. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ The Amazon rainforest provides oxygen to humans and animals.
  - Ⓑ The Amazon rainforest is the most important place on the planet.
  - Ⓒ The Amazon rainforest is located close to the equator.
  - Ⓓ The Amazon rainforest has more plants, insects, and animals than anywhere else on Earth.

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5. The Amazon is located in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ⓐ South America  
Ⓑ Africa  
Ⓒ Southeast Asia  
Ⓓ Europe
6. What is the effect of earthworms, termites, fungi, and bacteria on the rainforest floor?  
Ⓐ They cause many animals to live on the rainforest floor.  
Ⓑ They have no effect on the rainforest floor.  
Ⓒ They make the rainforest floor slimy and gross.  
Ⓓ They keep the rainforest floor clean.
7. What is the purpose of leaf-cutter ants carrying leaves back to their nest?  
Ⓐ The ants give the leaves to the queen for food.  
Ⓑ The ants use the leaves to grow fungi.  
Ⓒ The ants use the leaves to build their nests.  
Ⓓ The ants eat the leaves when they run out of food.
8. How do you think the author feels about animals of the rainforest?  
Ⓐ interested and curious  
Ⓑ scared and nervous  
Ⓒ bored and indifferent  
Ⓓ concerned and worried
9. What causes many animals to live in the canopy of the rainforest?  
Ⓐ The floor of the rainforest is too crowded.  
Ⓑ The animals enjoy sunbathing.  
Ⓒ There is plenty of food.  
Ⓓ There are vines to swing on.
10. Which of the following is a piglike mammal found in the Americas?  
Ⓐ jaguar  
Ⓑ peacock  
Ⓒ harpy  
Ⓓ peccary
11. **Extended Response:** Why does the author say that the Amazon is a treasure? Use details from the text to support your response.

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**12. Extended Response:** What kinds of resources do you use in your life that come from the Amazon rainforest?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Amazing Amazon

*Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View*

1. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
2. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should express that the Amazon is the largest rainforest in the world and has more kinds of insects, plants, and animals than any other place on Earth. Additionally, the Amazon provides humans with many valuable resources including rubber, food, medicine, and oxygen from the plants.
12. Answers will vary but should include resources listed in book such as bananas, chocolate, rubber, medicine, pineapple, oxygen, and so on.