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

1. How does the algae that grows on a sloth's fur help it survive in the rainforest?
 - Ⓐ The algae work as a rain repellent.
 - Ⓑ The algae attract animals that the sloth eats.
 - Ⓒ The algae help the sloth blend into the forest.
 - Ⓓ The sloth feeds off of the algae and doesn't need to find other food.
2. What is the author's point of view on the Amazon rainforest?
 - Ⓐ The Amazon is a valuable natural resource and should be protected.
 - Ⓑ The Amazon is the best place on Earth for scientists to study harpy eagles.
 - Ⓒ 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 as quickly as we can.
3. The Amazon River can be more than _____ across at its widest point.
 - Ⓐ 30 miles
 - Ⓑ 1,000 yards
 - Ⓒ 300 kilometers
 - Ⓓ 20 feet
4. Which of the following words means *people or other animals that live in a particular place*?
 - Ⓐ emergents
 - Ⓑ trickles
 - Ⓒ residents
 - Ⓓ neighbors
5. 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 disgusting.
 - Ⓓ They keep the rainforest floor clean.

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6. Which of the following animals lives in the emergent layer of the rainforest?
 - Ⓐ harpy eagle
 - Ⓑ poison arrow frog
 - Ⓒ jaguars
 - Ⓓ snakes
7. Which of the following is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ The Amazon rainforest provides oxygen to humans and animals.
 - Ⓑ The Amazon rainforest is the most important resource on the planet.
 - Ⓒ The Amazon rainforest is located in South America, near the equator.
 - Ⓓ The Amazon rainforest has the most diversity of plants, insects, and animals than anywhere else on Earth.
8. What is the purpose of leaf-cutter ants carrying leaves back to their nest?
 - Ⓐ The ants give the leaves to the queen for food so she can lay eggs.
 - Ⓑ The ants use the leaves to grow fungi that they consume.
 - Ⓒ The ants use the leaves to construct their nests.
 - Ⓓ The ants eat the leaves when have a food shortage.
9. How do you think the author feels about animals of the rainforest?
 - Ⓐ interested and curious
 - Ⓑ scared and nervous
 - Ⓒ bored and indifferent
 - Ⓓ serious and interested
10. *South American freshwater fish that have sharp teeth are called _____.*
 - Ⓐ pollinators
 - Ⓑ species
 - Ⓒ peccaries
 - Ⓓ piranhas

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11. Extended Response: Why does the author choose to include interviews with various animals from the rainforest?

12. Extended Response: Why does the author refer to the Amazon rainforest as a *rich treasure*? Use details from the text to support your response.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Amazing Amazon*Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View*

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
3. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include that by adding the interviews, the author provided the reader with more information about the Amazon rainforest in an entertaining manner.
12. 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.