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

1. What are two ways to use less groundwater?
 - Ⓐ take shorter baths and water your lawn more
 - Ⓑ use ocean water to water crops and to take showers
 - Ⓒ install low-flush toilets and take shorter showers
 - Ⓓ run your dishwasher and washing machine at the same time
2. Which of the following uses the most groundwater in the United States, contributing to the water shortage?
 - Ⓐ toilets
 - Ⓑ showers
 - Ⓒ faucets
 - Ⓓ dishwashers
3. Why do some farmers continue to plant corn, even though corn requires a lot of water to grow?
 - Ⓐ Corn can be watered using salt water from the ocean.
 - Ⓑ Corn is the healthiest vegetable for people to eat.
 - Ⓒ Corn crops earn more money than other crops.
 - Ⓓ Corn has the fastest growing cycle for farmers.
4. Which of the following sentences is an example of the author expressing his point of view in this nonfiction text?
 - Ⓐ *Aquifers can reach down thousands of feet and extend for thousands of miles.*
 - Ⓑ *Competition for groundwater is causing conflict in some farming areas.*
 - Ⓒ *Our best hope is water conservation—finding ways to use less water and keep more groundwater in the ground.*
 - Ⓓ *One growing threat to the world's groundwater supply is climate change.*

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5. What is a **resource**?
 - Ⓐ a long dry spell with little or no rainfall
 - Ⓑ a dangerous or unstable situation
 - Ⓒ water held underground in rock
 - Ⓓ a supply of something valuable
6. What is the main idea of the section "Staying Out of Trouble"?
 - Ⓐ Farmers should stop growing crops that require massive amounts of water, such as corn and wheat.
 - Ⓑ Dealing with this water crisis now will be much easier than dealing with it after aquifers run dry.
 - Ⓒ The United Nations predicts water battles will only grow worse if this crisis is not fixed.
 - Ⓓ India and Pakistan have had conflicts over water shortages in their area as they compete for the same groundwater.
7. Why should people run dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are full?
 - Ⓐ to conserve water
 - Ⓑ to clean more clothes at once
 - Ⓒ to clean more dishes at once
 - Ⓓ to reverse climate change
8. What can you infer about the author's point of view from this book?
 - Ⓐ The author believes that climate change will reverse and water conservation will not be as important.
 - Ⓑ The author believes that the United States is the cause of the world water shortage.
 - Ⓒ The author believes that corn should be the only crop grown by farmers since it uses less water.
 - Ⓓ The author believes that we need to make a plan now to conserve water so it's available in the future.

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9. What does the author think will happen if farmers don't change their farming practices now?
 - Ⓐ Crops will be overwatered and stop growing properly.
 - Ⓑ Farms will close and farmers will be out of work.
 - Ⓒ Empty aquifers will one day force them to change.
 - Ⓓ Farmers will begin to lose money on corn and wheat.
10. Which of the following means to *supply land with water, especially to help crops grow*?
 - Ⓐ aquifer
 - Ⓑ crops
 - Ⓒ irrigate
 - Ⓓ drought
11. **Extended Response:** List three things you can do in your own life to conserve water. Tell why those three things will help with the water crisis.
12. **Extended Response:** What will happen if the world refuses to change its behavior and we run out of water?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Groundwater

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Point of View*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
9. Ⓒ *Author's Point of View*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary, but should include three things students can do in their own life to conserve water and why those things will help.
12. Answers will vary, but should include scenarios of what the world will look like if we run low on water, such food shortages, wars between countries, and so on.