

Quick Check

Invasion of the Pythons

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

1. Why is it hard to find pythons in the Florida Everglades?
 - Ⓐ They hide easily in the grass and brush.
 - Ⓑ They are eaten by alligators and panthers.
 - Ⓒ They can climb trees or dig burrows.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. What makes this book an informational nonfiction book?
 - Ⓐ It is a factual book on a given topic.
 - Ⓑ It is written from the imagination of the writer.
 - Ⓒ It has rhythm and rhyme.
 - Ⓓ It is a story about a real person's life.
3. *The struggle between species for limited resources, such as food, light, or territory, is called _____.*
 - Ⓐ threatening
 - Ⓑ resources
 - Ⓒ competition
 - Ⓓ biology
4. According to the author, what can be the result of an invasive species coming into an ecosystem?
 - Ⓐ The invasive species multiplies quickly and takes over.
 - Ⓑ The invasive species eats or wipes out smaller native species.
 - Ⓒ The entire food chain of the ecosystem is destroyed.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
5. Where is the invasion of the pythons currently happening?
 - Ⓐ in India and South Asia
 - Ⓑ in the Burmese jungle
 - Ⓒ in the Florida Everglades
 - Ⓓ in California and other Southern states

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6. According to this book, what detail supports the idea that pythons are also eating birds?
 - Ⓐ The Florida Everglades is home to many rare and unusual bird species.
 - Ⓑ The feathers and bones of birds have been found in pythons' bellies.
 - Ⓒ Tags inside the pythons lead scientists to flocks of dead birds.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
7. To which of the following groups does a Burmese python belong?
 - Ⓐ researchers
 - Ⓑ constructors
 - Ⓒ constrictors
 - Ⓓ adapters
8. Which word means *a community of living things together with their habitat*?
 - Ⓐ technology
 - Ⓑ ecosystem
 - Ⓒ resources
 - Ⓓ population
9. The author wrote this book to _____.
 - Ⓐ entertain
 - Ⓑ inform
 - Ⓒ persuade
 - Ⓓ all of the above
10. According to the author of this book, if something isn't done to control the python population in Florida, _____.
 - Ⓐ the pythons could destroy the Everglades ecosystem
 - Ⓑ the pythons could invade other parts of the country
 - Ⓒ the pythons could cause native species to go extinct
 - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** How did the python, a non-native species to the Everglades, end up in this location?
12. **Extended Response:** What are some ways you think the python invasion problem could be solved? Explain.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Identify Genre*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓒ *Classify Information*
8. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary slightly but should include information about transportation and the increased and easier movement of people and things from one place to another.
12. Answers will vary but should include any conclusions drawn from the information in the book and logical reasoning.