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

1. What are Cinderella teams?

- Ⓐ teams that are out of the tournament if they lose one game
- Ⓑ teams that people do not think will do well but surprise everybody
- Ⓒ teams that people think will do well and win the tournament
- Ⓓ teams that have the best players in the league

2. The **underdog** is _____.

- Ⓐ the person or team expected to win
- Ⓑ the person or team that tries the hardest
- Ⓒ the person or team that is liked the most by fans
- Ⓓ the person or team expected to lose

3. What is the effect of a team winning one of the thirty-two conferences?

- Ⓐ It gets to play another team to try to win a spot in the March Madness tournament.
- Ⓑ It gets to play in the March Madness tournament.
- Ⓒ It is not included in the March Madness tournament.
- Ⓓ Fans must vote and decide which teams will go to the tournament.

4. What is the author's point of view on March Madness?

- Ⓐ Fewer teams should be able to compete in the tournament.
- Ⓑ It is just like any other sporting event.
- Ⓒ It is an exciting time when anything can happen.
- Ⓓ Teams do not have a fair chance to win.

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5. What is one effect of the March Madness tournament?
 - Ⓐ Fewer people are watching other sporting events.
 - Ⓑ More people are trying to play basketball in college.
 - Ⓒ College basketball players are being paid more money.
 - Ⓓ The world has been introduced to some of the greatest basketball players of all time.
6. What is the main idea of the section "Upstarts and Upsets"?
 - Ⓐ Villanova beat Georgetown for the national championship in 1985.
 - Ⓑ March Madness makes it possible for any team to rise to the top and win.
 - Ⓒ In 2014, \$1 billion was offered to anyone who chose the perfect bracket.
 - Ⓓ The Blue Raiders beat and eliminated Michigan State in 2016.
7. Which of the following is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ March Madness is the most exciting event of the year.
 - Ⓑ Breanna Stewart's team won the March Madness title four years in a row.
 - Ⓒ The NCAA March Madness tournament began in 1939.
 - Ⓓ Past president Barack Obama is a big fan of March Madness.
8. In what year did the NCAA start a women's March Madness tournament?
 - Ⓐ 2016
 - Ⓑ 1982
 - Ⓒ 1971
 - Ⓓ 2001

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9. How do you think the author feels about college basketball players?
 - Ⓐ He thinks they get too carried away with March Madness.
 - Ⓑ He thinks they make too much money.
 - Ⓒ He thinks they are very hardworking and passionate about what they do.
 - Ⓓ He thinks they are just as good as other college athletes.
10. *A group of people who make important decisions* is called _____.
 - Ⓐ a team
 - Ⓑ a committee
 - Ⓒ a referee
 - Ⓓ a player
11. **Extended Response:** What is the Final Four in the March Madness tournament?
12. **Extended Response:** Why is the college basketball tournament called March Madness?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

March Madness

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Point of View

1. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓓ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
5. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
8. Ⓑ Sequence Events
9. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
10. Ⓑ Vocabulary
11. Answers should include the following: *The Final Four are the four teams that emerge from each region (South, West, East, and Midwest) during the tournament. They are the final contenders for the championship.*
12. Answers should include the fact that the tournament takes place each year in the month of March. Students should also note that the word *madness* refers to the excitement and passion of both the players and fans before and during the tournament.