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

1. What is the main idea of the section "How the Madness Works"?
  - Ⓐ The Final Four teams include one team from each region that compete for the championship title.
  - Ⓑ The path to the championship in the March Madness tournament is long and demanding.
  - Ⓒ In 2016, Villanova was the South's champion and went on to win the national championship.
  - Ⓓ In 2016, there were 351 schools playing Men's Division I basketball.
2. In what year did the NCAA start a women's March Madness basketball tournament?
  - Ⓐ 2016
  - Ⓑ 1982
  - Ⓒ 1974
  - Ⓓ 1946
3. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ March Madness is the most exciting sporting event of the year to watch.
  - Ⓑ Former president Barack Obama appeared on a televised segment in which he filled out his own March Madness bracket.
  - Ⓒ On March 17, 1939, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament began its historic run.
  - Ⓓ From 2013 to 2016, Breanna Stewart's team won the championship title four years in a row.

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4. What is the author's point of view on March Madness?
  - Ⓐ The author believes March Madness has become too big of an event, and fewer teams should be able to participate.
  - Ⓑ The author believes March Madness is just as interesting and thrilling as any other sporting event.
  - Ⓒ The author believes March Madness is an exciting time when anything can happen.
  - Ⓓ The author believes March Madness does not give each team a fair opportunity to win.
5. *Unexpected results in sports games or other competitions* are called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ statistics
  - Ⓑ regulations
  - Ⓒ strategies
  - Ⓓ upsets
6. What is one effect of the March Madness tournament?
  - Ⓐ Fewer people are interested in sports other than basketball.
  - Ⓑ More people are attempting 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.
7. What is the effect of a team being chosen by the ten-person committee on Selection Sunday?
  - Ⓐ 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.
  - Ⓓ It must try to convince the committee that it should be allowed to play in the March Madness tournament.

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8. How do you think the author feels about college basketball players?

- Ⓐ The author believes they get too carried away with March Madness.
- Ⓑ The author believes the athletes make too much money.
- Ⓒ The author believes they are very hardworking and passionate about playing their sport.
- Ⓓ The author believes they are just as skilled as other college athletes.

9. What are Cinderella teams?

- Ⓐ teams that are out of the tournament if they lose one game
- Ⓑ teams that are not given good odds to win but win anyway
- Ⓒ teams that are given good odds to win the tournament
- Ⓓ teams that have the best players in the league

10. A single-elimination tournament is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ a series of games in which only the teams expected to do well are allowed to participate
- Ⓑ a series of games where one loss causes a team to be removed from the competition
- Ⓒ a series of games in which teams may lose multiple times but can continue to compete for the championship title
- Ⓓ a series of games in which fans help determine which teams will continue on to compete for the championship title

11. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the author chose to start the book by describing the 1983 national championship game between North Carolina State and the Houston Cougars?

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. Ⓑ Sequence Events
3. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
4. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
5. Ⓓ Vocabulary
6. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
9. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓑ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include the following information: *The author begins the book with the description of the 1983 national championship game to engage the reader in the excitement and thrill of March Madness. By using this example, the author is also demonstrating how anything can happen in March Madness and that often the underdog teams will surprise fans.*
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.