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

1. 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.
2. What is one cause of groundwater levels changing?
 - Ⓐ flooding
 - Ⓑ fewer animals
 - Ⓒ lower population
 - Ⓓ climate change
3. 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 with.
 - Ⓒ Install low-flush toilets and take shorter showers.
 - Ⓓ Run your dishwasher and washing machine at the same time.
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.*
 - Ⓑ *Record drought forced California to conserve water.*
 - Ⓒ *Still, we can be smarter about how we use this resource, both now and far into the future.*
 - Ⓓ *Planting different crops is another major change that can help conserve groundwater.*

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5. What are **droughts**?
 - Ⓐ long dry spells with little or no rainfall
 - Ⓑ underground layers of rock and sand
 - Ⓒ dangerous or unstable times or situations
 - Ⓓ devices that sense and react to signals
6. What is the main idea of the section "Water Fights"?
 - Ⓐ Installing low-flush toilets can use less groundwater.
 - Ⓑ A shortage of water will cause clashes, violence, and great suffering.
 - Ⓒ Groundwater levels have dropped in the United States since 1995.
 - Ⓓ Farmers need to try new ways to make sure every drop of water counts.
7. What causes ocean water to be unusable?
 - Ⓐ salt
 - Ⓑ animals
 - Ⓒ plants
 - Ⓓ lead
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 we need to make a plan now to conserve water so it's available in the future.
 - Ⓓ The author believes that corn should be the only crop grown by farmers since it uses less water.
9. Which of the following uses the least amount of water in a typical home in the United States?
 - Ⓐ shower, bath
 - Ⓑ clothes washer
 - Ⓒ faucet
 - Ⓓ toilet

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10. Which of the following means *the careful use of resources to protect them from being wasted*?

- Ⓐ aquifer
- Ⓑ irrigate
- Ⓒ crisis
- Ⓓ conservation

11. **Extended Response:** List three things you can do in your 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. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Point of View*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Author's Point of View*
9. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include three things students can do in their 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 as food shortages, wars between countries, and so on.