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

1. Why do you think the author wrote this book?
  - (A) to explain how zoos operate
  - (B) so readers would think about the benefits and problems of zoos
  - (C) to encourage readers to send money to zoos
  - (D) to help readers find ways to close zoos
  
2. From Suzanne McCay's letter, you can tell that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) she knows a lot about endangered animals
  - (B) she has many endangered animals at her home
  - (C) she would go to jungles and take animals for zoos
  - (D) she would like to work at the Springfield Zoo
  
3. Because more wild land is being used for farms and other resources, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) there is more food available for endangered animals
  - (B) there are more people than ever working to protect animals
  - (C) animals are being separated from others of their kind
  - (D) all of the above
  
4. If something is **native** to a place, it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) is found there naturally
  - (B) was moved there by people
  - (C) needs help to survive
  - (D) will only be there for a short time

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5. Which is the best summary statement for the section titled "Pro: In Support of Zoos"?
- Ⓐ Zoos have problems as shown by the conditions animals are kept in at some zoos.
  - Ⓑ Zoos are important because they preserve endangered animals and help to promote conservation.
  - Ⓒ Zoos are good entertainment for children.
  - Ⓓ Zoos cost too much to run and take animals out of their native habitats.
6. Which word means *to calm an animal by drugging it*?
- Ⓐ preserve
  - Ⓑ tranquilize
  - Ⓒ enclose
  - Ⓓ conserve
7. Which of the following is a fact?
- Ⓐ Zoos are good.
  - Ⓑ People in the future have the right to see animals that are alive today.
  - Ⓒ Zoos are outdated places that should not exist.
  - Ⓓ People are using more wild lands for farming and gathering resources.
8. Something is **controversial** if \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ⓐ many people disagree about the topic
  - Ⓑ many people have decided to take action on it
  - Ⓒ it has been approved by a group of citizens
  - Ⓓ it is a place that protects animals

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9. Which statement supports closing zoos?
- Ⓐ Wild animals have right to live and be free.
  - Ⓑ A spaceship may land and take animals from our planet.
  - Ⓒ Zoos should be considered individually when deciding whether to keep them open.
  - Ⓓ Some people like to keep exotic animals as pets in their homes.
10. Which sentence best summarizes what happened to Tatiana the Siberian tiger?
- Ⓐ Tatiana died when she fell off a wall in her enclosure that was not built properly.
  - Ⓑ Tatiana killed a zoo employee who was feeding her.
  - Ⓒ Tatiana escaped the San Francisco Zoo and was returned to the wild.
  - Ⓓ Because of mistakes made by zoo employees and visitors, Tatiana was killed.

11. **Extended Response:** What do you think would happen if there were no more zoos? Explain the effects on both people and wild animals.
12. **Extended Response:** If you were going to write a letter to the editor of the *Springfield Daily Star*, would you support the zoo's expansion or not? Give two reasons to explain your opinion.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Zoos: Pro or Con?

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. (B) *Author's Purpose*
2. (A) *Make Inference / Draw Conclusions*
3. (C) *Cause and Effect*
4. (A) *Vocabulary*
5. (B) *Main Idea and Details*
6. (B) *Vocabulary*
7. (D) *Fact or Opinion*
8. (A) *Vocabulary*
9. (A) *Fact or Opinion*
10. (D) *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include examples of the likely effects on both people and wild animals.  
Example: *I think animals would be happier in the wild, but also face more danger of extinction. People would have fewer chances to see animals without traveling to see them in their wild habitats.*
12. Answers should provide at least two reasons why the student is for the zoo expansion or against it. Example: *I believe the funding to expand the zoo is a good thing because I think zoos help endangered animals and help people learn about animals they normally can't see in person.*