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Grade 4 Reading

Theme 6 Selection 2

“Wildfires”

Read the selection, “Wildfires”. Then, answer the following questions.

1. Which statement **best** summarizes the main idea of the selection?

- a) Wildfires are good for the forests.
- b) In 1988, the forests of Yellowstone National Park burned for months.
- c) Wildfires can be destructive, but they can also be helpful to the forest.
- d) Wildfires are frightening because they burn quickly and destroy people’s property.

2. Which detail **does not** support the following main idea?

“After a fire, burned areas quickly burst into life.”

- a) Fires often move slowly through forests and grasslands, so some animals simply walk away.
- b) Fire beetles seek out fire to breed and lay their eggs in charred logs
- c) New seeds are carried in by the wind and on the fur of animals.
- d) When the ground is still warm, ants, wood beetles, millipedes, and centipedes are busy.

3. The genre of this story is expository nonfiction.

Which of the following is **not** a characteristic of this genre?

- a) The purpose is to give or explain facts.
- b) It is often organized by main ideas and details.
- c) It may include dates and examples to help the reader understand the facts.
- d) It is based on fantasy and make-believe.

4. Complete the analogy.

Lodgepole pines are to trees, as _____ are to flowers.

- a) Yellowstone Park
- b) daisies
- c) skunks
- d) wood

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5. In the last paragraph on page 672, what does the word inhalation mean?

- a) to die
- b) breathing in
- c) burned
- d) problem

6. The main idea of the first paragraph is to

- a) show how scary a wildfire can be
- b) describe how wildfires move
- c) suggest that wildfires are important
- d) explain how wildfires begin

7. The author probably wrote this passage to

- a) explain that even though wildfires are destructive, they are also helpful.
- b) tell how firefighters sometimes need to start wildfires.
- c) teach us about the wildfires at Yellowstone National Park in 1988.
- d) show that all wildfires are bad.

8. Which sentence from the selection contains an opinion?

- a) "After a fire, burned areas quickly burst into life."
- b) "About sixty-five buildings had been destroyed, and two people died in the fires."
- c) "All forest fires are enemies."
- d) "Fires also need oxygen to burn."

9. Read the following sentence.

"Some forest fires are caused by human carelessness."

What does the word carelessness mean?

- a) a person who takes care of someone.
- b) done with care
- c) using care
- d) without being careful

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Open-ended Response

Write a paragraph stating your opinion about wildfires. Do you believe they are important or not important? Be sure to support your opinion using at least 3 details from the selection.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Correct Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	c	Main idea/details	R4.A.2.4.1
2	a	Main idea/details	R4.A.2.4.1
3	d	Genre	R4.A.2.6
4	b	Analogies	R4.B.2.1
5	b	Affix -ion	R4.A.2.2.1
6	a	Main idea/details	R4.A.2.4.1
7	a	Author’s purpose	R4.A.2.6.1
8	c	Fact/opinion	R4.B.3.1.1
9	d	Affixes -less/-ness	R4.A.2.2.1
Open-ended		Fact/Opinion	R4.B.3.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 points

demonstrates complete knowledge of stating an opinion and uses at least 3 examples from the selection to support the opinion

2 points

demonstrates partial knowledge of stating an opinion and uses 2 examples from the selection to support the opinion.

1 point

demonstrates incomplete knowledge of stating an opinion and uses 1 example from the selection to support the opinion.

0 points

response provides insufficient material for scoring or is inaccurate