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Countdown to Day Zero March 2, 2018

Use this week's cover story to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

Read for Detail (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 1.** Officials in Cape Town, South Africa, are telling residents to conserve water because
- A. the city is building desalination plants.
 - B. the city hopes to donate water to other regions of South Africa.
 - C. the city is running out of water.
 - D. the city is upgrading its water systems.

Analyze Text Structure (RI.5.5; RI.6.5)

- 2.** Why does the author begin the article with a description of people waiting in line?
- A. to confuse the reader
 - B. to annoy the reader
 - C. to capture the reader's attention
 - D. to entertain the reader with humor

Identify Claims and Evidence (RI.5.8; RI.6.8)

- 3.** What evidence does the author include to show that the city is facing a major drought?
- A. Reservoirs that were once used to water green fields are now mostly sand and cracked earth.
 - B. Tourism fuels nearly 10% of South Africa's economy.
 - C. Kirsty Carden works with the Future Water Institute at the University of Cape Town.
 - D. Cape Town, the second-largest city in South Africa, is home to 4 million people.

Define Words and Phrases (RI.5.4; RI.6.4)

- 4.** What is the meaning of the word *denial* as it is used in paragraph 3 of the article?
- A. to disapprove of someone's behavior
 - B. health problems
 - C. the opposing party in a lawsuit
 - D. refusing to admit the truth about something

Read for Detail (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 5.** On Day Zero, the water could keep running in all of the following places, *except*
- A. hospitals.
 - B. wealthy suburbs.
 - C. schools.
 - D. poor settlements.

Make Inferences (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 6.** Kirsty Carden would most likely agree that
- A. people who live in wealthy suburbs should stop wasting water.
 - B. people in poor settlements should stop bathing.
 - C. gardens are harmful to the environment.
 - D. public officials should use swimming pools.

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Identify Central Idea (RI.5.2; RI.6.2)

- 7.** What could be another title for section 2, “Something Precious”?
- A. “Turning Off the Tap”
 - B. “Seeking a Solution”
 - C. “Standing in Line”
 - D. “Preparing for a Long-Term Drought”

Make Connections (RI.5.3; RI.6.3)

- 8.** Why might areas popular with tourists remain regulation-free after Day Zero?
- A. Keeping the water running in tourist areas will prevent disease.
 - B. Many poor settlements can be found in tourist areas.
 - C. Capetonians fill their water bottles in tourist areas.
 - D. Tourism is an important part of South Africa’s economy.

Define Words and Phrases (RI.5.4; RI.6.4)

- 9.** According to Kelson da Cruz, “You can’t just take for granted something so precious.” What is a synonym for *precious* as it is used in this sentence?
- A. admired
 - B. worthless
 - C. valuable
 - D. frightening

Read for Detail (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 10.** Why do public officials in Cape Town share responsibility for the water shortage?
- A. They can use up to 13 gallons of water each day.
 - B. They failed to prepare for a long-term drought or improve the city’s water system.
 - C. They are donating water to help people in other regions of South Africa.
 - D. They have upgraded the city’s water system.

Bonus Cape Town’s mayor said, “We can no longer ask people to stop wasting water. We must force them.” Based on the article, do you agree or disagree with this statement, and why? How could you encourage people in your community to conserve water?
