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Big Book 3 Final Test

Units 11-20

A. Choose the right answer to fill in each blank from the box.

founded	located	plain	attention	essential
earthquake	compare	ruler	fusion	aliens

1. California is _____ on the western seaboard of the United States.
2. One announcement grabbed Martin's _____.
3. A Venn diagram is used to _____ and contrast information.
4. King Henry VIII thought a son would be a better _____.
5. The group was _____ by Rev. Everret Swanson in 1952.
6. Some people believe that _____ from another planet left it behind.
7. An _____ is the shaking of the earth's surface.
8. A tundra is a treeless _____.
9. Calcium is one _____ mineral.
10. The musician explained that _____ music is a blend of different sounds and styles.

B. Match each word or phrase to its correct definition.

11. event •	• a. the part of a plant that grows underground
12. chore •	• b. particular weather conditions in a certain region
13. information •	• c. to become the husband or wife of someone
14. marry •	• d. a small job that is done regularly
15. poverty •	• e. the state of being poor
16. mysterious •	• f. a device that is used to make music
17. rise •	• g. facts or details about a subject
18. climate •	• h. something important that happens
19. root •	• i. strange, unknown, or difficult to understand
20. instrument •	• j. to become higher

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C. Read and answer.

[21-22]

A Shift of the Earth's Surface

Earthquakes and tsunamis are natural phenomena. They are caused by changes to the earth's surface. The earth's surface is made of many pieces. It is like a puzzle. Each piece of the puzzle is called a tectonic plate.

When one tectonic plate slips under another tectonic plate, it causes a shift in the earth's surface. The shift results in a shaking. An earthquake is the shaking of the earth's surface. The shaking usually lasts for less than a minute. The shaking can be measured by the Richter scale.

An earthquake can cause a tsunami. A tsunami is a huge wave. When an earthquake occurs under the ocean, the sudden shift moves the water. As the fast moving water moves closer to the shore, the wave rises higher. Tsunamis move with a lot of power and can destroy large coastal areas.

On Friday, March 11, 2011, an earthquake occurred off the coast of Japan. It measured 9.0 on the Richter scale. It created a 30-foot tsunami. The tsunami caused a lot of damage.

21. What is the reading about?

a. The changing climate

b. Emergencies in Japan

c. Earthquakes and tsunamis

d. Living in coastal areas

22. Read and choose the correct answer.

When one tectonic plate slips under another tectonic plate, it causes a _____ in the earth's surface.

a. change b. wave

c. puzzle d. shift

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[23-25]

The Arctic Tundra

My name is Angie. I live in the Arctic polar region with my family. The Arctic polar region is called the tundra. My dad said the word "tundra" means "treeless plain". The ground is always frozen, and there is very little rain or snow. The Arctic tundra is a difficult place to live. Sometimes it is dark for 24 hours each day. Often, there are severe winter storms, and food is hard to find.

Even though it is hard to live in this region, my ancestors lived here a long time ago, and we have kept our heritage. We live as my ancestors lived. Our houses are cone-shaped tents. We wear clothes that are made from animal skins. We hunt and fish for food.

Some people think that there are not many animals and insects living in this frozen tundra desert. But that is not correct! The tundra is a desert that is dotted with bogs and ponds. So there are many animals and birds that live in the tundra. Arctic foxes, hares, and polar bears live in this frigid climate. Wolves and squirrels live here, too, along with snowy owls, falcons, and snow geese. Even insects live in the frigid temperatures. There are Arctic bumblebees and flies. There are mosquitoes and moths.

23. What is the main idea of paragraph 1?

a. There are a lot of animals that live in the Arctic polar region.

b. It is not easy to live in the Arctic polar region.

c. It is not important to have trees.

d. The people who live in the Arctic polar region are old.

24. What is true according to the reading?

a. People live in tents in the Arctic polar region.

b. There are lots of trees in the Arctic polar region.

c. It is never dark in the Arctic polar region.

d. Animals wear clothes in the Arctic polar region.

25. What is the name of a person who was in someone's family a long time ago?

a. heritage b. frigid c. tundra d. ancestor

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D. Read and write.

The California Bear Flag

California is one of the states in the United States. It is located on the western seaboard of the United States, and it is bordered by Mexico.

Long ago, Mexico governed California. California was not a part of the United States. The Mexican government treated the people of California unfairly. The people of California did not want to be governed by Mexico.

On June 14, 1846, a small group of Californians marched to the Mexican fort. The group was led by William Brown Ide. The group captured the Mexican leader and made him a prisoner. It declared that California was no longer controlled by Mexico. It said California was free.

The small group made a flag. The flag was decorated with a grizzly bear and a red star. California Republic was written on the flag.

The Bear Flag flew for 24 days. It was replaced by the American flag on July 9, 1846. California joined the United States. The United States was fighting against Mexico, too.

In 1911, the Bear Flag became the state flag of California. The Bear Flag represents an important event in the history of California.

Complete the sentence with the correct words from the reading.

26. On June 14, 1846, a small group of Californians _____ to the Mexican _____.

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27. The Bear Flag _____ an important _____ in the _____ of California.

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Correct the underlined part and rewrite the sentence.

28. It is located on the <u>eastern</u> seaboard of the United States.

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29. The small group made a <u>decision</u>.

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30. The United States was fighting against <u>California</u>, too.

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