BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPLORATIONS IN SOCIAL STUDIES 11 (MEPSS-11) · UNIT A · 5 QUESTIONS

Geography: Physical and Human — Practice Test

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Reading II - Rain on One Side of the Ridge

Use this reading for questions 1 to 2.

We hiked up the west side of the ridge in steady rain. The trail was muddy, the trees were dripping, and every small stream was full. At the top, the wind was strong and cold.

On the way down the east side, the ground grew drier with every step. By the bottom, the grass was yellow, the soil was dusty, and a farmer told us he waters his crops from a creek because summer rain is unreliable here.

1 **The main idea of Reading II is that rainfall can differ sharply on two sides of a ridge**



A because air loses moisture as it rises and crosses the ridge

B because hikers always bring rain with them

C because farmers control the weather

D because east sides never receive wind

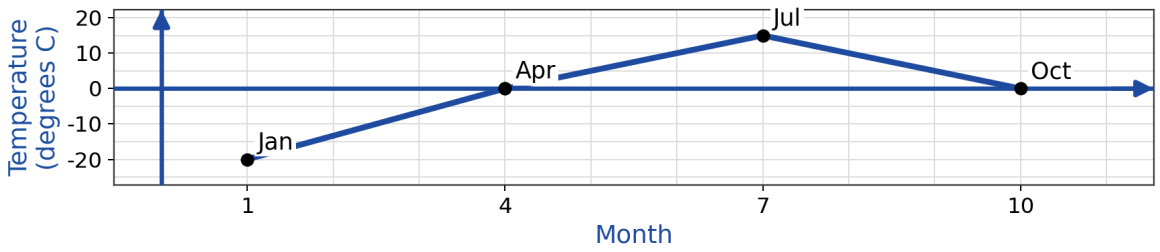
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2 **According to Reading II, the farmer on the dry side copes with unreliable summer rain by**

- **A** watering crops from a creek
- **B** moving his farm every year
- **C** planting only in winter
- **D** ignoring the dry soil

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3 **The graph shows average monthly temperature for a northern community. The coldest month shown is**



- **A** July
- **B** April
- **C** January
- **D** October

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4 **Seasonal temperature change in Canada is mainly caused by the tilt of the Earth and the resulting change in**

- A the angle and hours of sunlight through the year
- B the length of the year
- C the size of the Moon
- D ocean tides alone

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5 **Permafrost is ground that**

- A stays frozen for at least two years in a row
- B never freezes at any depth
- C melts every night in winter
- D exists only under the ocean

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. A

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