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1. What is Mesa Verde National Park famous for?

- A. beautiful waterfalls
- B. Native American cliff dwellings
- C. an endangered species of bird
- D. a collection of Native American baskets

2. What does the author describe in the passage?

- A. why the Ancestral Pueblo people transitioned to an agricultural lifestyle
- B. the development of pottery in Ancestral Pueblo culture
- C. Cliff Palace, the largest of the cliff dwellings built by the Ancestral Pueblo people
- D. basket weaving techniques from the "Late Basketmaker II" period

3. Archeologists believe that the Ancestral Pueblo people began building their homes in cliffs to defend themselves in times of war. What evidence from the text supports this conclusion?

- A. Many of the cliff dwellings are accessible only by rope ladder.
- B. Most of the towers were built around kivas.
- C. Cliff Palace could have provided shelter for over 100 people.
- D. Ancestral Pueblo people built dams, walls and other basic irrigation systems.

4. The Ancestral Pueblo people moved from a strictly hunter-gatherer culture to one increasingly dependent on agriculture, growing beans and domesticating animals like turkeys. What effect did this have on their lifestyle?

- A. They started living in caves and shallow pits.
- B. They stopped building stone communities.
- C. Their cultural life began to focus less on ceremonial gatherings.
- D. Their cultural life began to focus on ceremonial gatherings.

5. What is this passage mostly about?

- A. cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park and the people who built them
- B. tribal warfare between Ancestral Pueblo peoples
- C. the "Late Basketmaker II" period
- D. the importance of the kiva in Ancestral Pueblo culture

6. Read the following sentences: "Who built these fabulous dwellings? Why did they choose to dig them into the face of the rock itself? When did they live, and how did their civilization fade?"

Why does the author pose these questions?

- A. to let students know what they will be quizzed on
- B. to ask rhetorical questions that won't be answered
- C. to ask the reader a direct question
- D. to set up points that the passage will address

7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

Ancestral Pueblo people were much shorter than 21st Century humans; \_\_\_\_\_, the doorways in Cliff Palace are much smaller than modern doorways.

- A. ultimately
- B. thus
- C. notable
- D. such as

8. What makes Cliff Palace different from the other cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park?

9. What is a kiva and what was it used for?

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8. What makes Cliff Palace different from the other cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park?

Cliff Palace is much larger than the other dwellings; while most of the cliff dwellings had two or three rooms, Cliff Palace had 150 rooms. Cliff Palace was also built deeper into the cliff rock, while the other dwellings were built in the shallow parts of the rock.

**9.** What is a kiva and what was it used for?

A kiva is an underground circular chamber used for ceremonial purposes by the Ancestral Pueblo people.

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Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage. For example, students may explain that the Ancestral Pueblo people valued social ceremonies and gatherings because they built kivas in their cliff dwellings where the gatherings were held. Students may also explain that the Ancestral people valued safety as many of the cliff dwellings in Mesa Verde National Park are accessible only by rope-ladder, making the dwellings easy to defend against potential attackers.