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The Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon is a large river canyon in Arizona. It is over 220 miles long and over a mile deep in some places. Its widest point is 18 miles wide. The canyon is considered one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Over millions of years, the Colorado River passed through the area. Slowly, the river made its path deeper and deeper. Now, the canyon is surrounded by steep walls on either side, while the river continues to flow at the bottom of the canyon. **Besides its large size, the Grand Canyon is also known for its magnificent colors.** The canyon is made of layers of rock, and each layer of rock has a different depth and color. Geologists have identified almost 40 different layers of rock exposed by the river's erosion.

The climate in the canyon area is primarily deserted, with both high and low temperatures. The air quality is usually very high. Although dust storms and smoke from fires can change the air. The Grand Canyon is home to a variety of plants and animals. Plants range from various species of cactus to pine forests. Many types of animals live in the area, including the bald eagle, bobcats, bats and gila monsters. Six different kinds of rattlesnakes have been **identified** in the area.

Today, the canyon is part of the Grand Canyon National Park. About five million tourists visit the park each year.

Question 1: What caused the formation of the Grand Canyon?

A. Erosion by the Colorado River over millions of years.

B. The flood of Colorado River from the past.

C. Windstorms quickly blow.

D. Broken rocks forming the canyon walls.

Question 2: Which of the following best describes the climate of the Grand Canyon area?

A. Tropical and humid B. Mild and rainy

C. Deserted with extreme temperatures D. Cold and snowy

Question 3: Based on the passage, which of the following is true about the climate in the Grand Canyon area?

A. It experiences cold temperatures year-round.

B. Air quality is usually poor due to frequent storms.

C. Dust storms can occasionally discontinue the high air quality.

D. The climate supports a rainforest ecosystem.

Question 4: In the passage, the word **"identified"** is closest in meaning to _____.

A. confused B. created C. ignored D. discovered

Question 5: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence?

A. The Grand Canyon is famous not only for its size but also for its vibrant colors.

B. Known for its size; the Grand Canyon is less famous for its colors.

C. The size of the Grand Canyon is more impressive than its colors.

D. The Grand Canyon is primarily well-known for its large area and not its colors.

Question 6: Which of the following animals does not live in The Grand Canyon?

A. cactus B. gila monsters C. bats D. bobcats

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