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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - (A) to inform readers about stinky plants and animals
 - (B) to entertain readers with stories about people being sprayed by animals
 - (C) to persuade readers to protect stinky plants and animals
 - (D) to persuade readers to stay away from all stinky plants and animals

2. What is the main idea of *Nature Stinks!?*
 - (A) Some plants use their stink to help them survive.
 - (B) Lesser anteaters are at least four times as stinky as a skunk.
 - (C) A bad smell may keep animals away from other animals.
 - (D) Being stinky helps many plants and animals stay alive.

3. Which of the following words means the same thing as **rotten**?
 - (A) tasty
 - (B) fresh
 - (C) spoiled
 - (D) dry

4. How are wolverines and musk oxen similar?
 - (A) They both pee on food they don't eat right away.
 - (B) They both use their pee to keep other animals away.
 - (C) They both have two layers of fur to keep them warm.
 - (D) They both fight other animals for females.

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5. How does attracting bugs help corpse flowers survive?
 - Ⓐ The bugs collect powder from the flower and carry it to other corpse flowers.
 - Ⓑ The bugs eat dead leaves on the flower so it can grow new ones.
 - Ⓒ The bugs keep away other animals that might eat the flower.
 - Ⓓ The bugs do not help the corpse flower survive.

6. What is the effect of the stinkbird eating mostly leaves?
 - Ⓐ The bird is unable to create a stink.
 - Ⓑ The bird creates a green slime.
 - Ⓒ The bird is unable to fly.
 - Ⓓ The bird smells terrible.

7. In what way are all stinky animals alike?
 - Ⓐ They all lift their tails and spray.
 - Ⓑ They use their stink to keep away other creatures.
 - Ⓒ They all live in North America.
 - Ⓓ They all have fur to keep them warm.

8. Why must a millipede give off a stinky smell when it is in danger?
 - Ⓐ It is too slow to escape.
 - Ⓑ It's teeth are too small to bite.
 - Ⓒ It gets scared and gives off a stink automatically.
 - Ⓓ It is trying to attract other millipedes to come help.

9. Which of the following is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Wolverines are also called "nasty cats."
 - Ⓑ Opossums pretend to be dead if an enemy is near.
 - Ⓒ Musk oxen are the smelliest animals on the planet.
 - Ⓓ Striped polecats are cousins of skunks.

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10. Which of the following words means the same thing as **disrupt**?

- Ⓐ ignore
- Ⓑ stare
- Ⓒ fight
- Ⓓ bother

11. **Extended Response:** How do plants and animals use their stink differently?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Nature Stinks!

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should express that plants use their stink to attract insects that help to create more plants while animals mostly use their smell to keep away enemies.