**8 Reading**

**Quiz – “The Lost People of**

**Mesa Verde”**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions: On the line provided, write the letter of the *best* answer to each of the following items.**

1. \_\_\_\_Archaeologists now infer that the Anasazi of Mesa Verde--
   1. All died from a terrible illness.
   2. Left the mesa because food became to scarce.
   3. Were driven away from the mesa by an invading tribe.
   4. Moved elsewhere for religious reasons.
2. \_\_\_\_Why did the Anasazi move back into the caves in AD 1200?
   1. Scientists aren’t completely sure.
   2. A great fire on the mesa top destroyed their homes.
   3. The threat of attack became too great.
   4. Clans argued less often when they lived together in the caves.
3. \_\_\_\_How do scientists know about the bad weather experienced by the cliff dwellers?
   1. They know that bad weather is a fact of life.
   2. They found water marks in the caves that suggest flooding.
   3. They made guesses based on the weather cycles today.
   4. They studied growth rings in the wood used to build the cliff dwellings.
4. \_\_\_\_Which of the following items *best* supports the inference that the mesa top was being washed away by rain?
   1. The Anasazi’s teeth were worn down from the cornmeal in their diet.
   2. The trees of Mesa Verde eventually grew back.
   3. Mesa Verde experienced periods of severe weather.
   4. The Anasazi built dams to slow soil erosion.
5. \_\_\_\_The author would be *most* likely to agree with which of the following statements?
   1. Any theories about the disappearance of the Anasazi are just unsupported guesses.
   2. Archaeologists have found clues that strongly suggest what happened to the Anasazi.
   3. We know for certain that the Anasazi left the mesa because of religious superstitions.
   4. Scientists do not make mistakes.

**Directions: Match the definition on the left with Vocabulary word on the right. On the line provided, write the letter of the Vocabulary word.**

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1. Soil \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the Anasazi to farm on the mesa top.
2. As their situation worsened, the cliff dwellers likely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among themselves.
3. As more information has emerged, the number of theories about what happened to the Anasazi of Mesa Verde has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Anasazi of Mesa Verde lost their unique identity after they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with other groups.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who study Anasazi pottery are impressed by its quality.