


The Amazon River

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1. How much of the world's river water flows through the Amazon?
 - (A) One half
 - (B) One third
 - (C) One fourth
 - (D) One fifth

2. Which phrase from the passage helps explain the meaning of *drainage basin*?
 - (A) "rainy season"
 - (B) "upriver as far as the port of Manaus"
 - (C) "covers nearly half of South America"
 - (D) "impossible to see"



3. Which statement provides an example of how large the Amazon River truly is?
- Ⓐ The Amazon River is shorter than the Nile River.
 - Ⓑ The Amazon reaches depths of 131 feet and can be up to 28 miles wide.
 - Ⓒ The Amazon is home to a wide range of wildlife, including piranhas.
 - Ⓓ The Amazon once flowed in the opposite direction, according to scientists.


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4. Which statement best explains why the depth and width of the river vary from season to season?
- (A) Farmers use more water in the summer months.
 - (B) The depth and width of the river does not vary.
 - (C) Winter freezes the Amazon while spring thaws the river out.
 - (D) The amount of rainfall varies each season.
5. Which best supports the significance of the scientific study from September 2006?
- (A) The study proved that the river existed during the age of dinosaurs.
 - (B) The study proved that the river once flowed west toward the Pacific.
 - (C) The study proved that there is sediment in the center of South America.
 - (D) The study proved that the Amazon always flows the same way.

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6. What would be the most likely explanation for why there are not many large cities located along the Amazon River's banks?
- (A) It would be too expensive to build on the riverbank.
 - (B) The animal and plant species are too dangerous to live near.
 - (C) The variable amount of flooding with each season could be dangerous.
 - (D) People do not want to live alongside the Amazon River.