

TROPICAL RAINFORESTS – CHILDREN'S IDEAS ABOUT THEM QUESTIONS

Questions 1–8

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Sample 7?

In boxes 1–8 on your answer sheet write:

TRUE *if the statement agrees with the information*

FALSE *if the statement contradicts the information*

NOT GIVEN *if there is no information on this*

- 1 The plight of the rainforests has largely been ignored by the media.
- 2 Children only accept opinions on rainforests that they encounter in their classrooms.
- 3 It has been suggested that children hold mistaken views about the 'pure' science that they study at school.
- 4 The fact that children's ideas about science form part of a larger framework of ideas mean that it is easier to change them.
- 5 The study involved asking children a number of yes/no questions such as 'Are there any rainforests in Africa?'
- 6 Girls are more likely than boys to hold mistaken views about the rainforests' destruction.
- 7 The study reported here follows on from a series of studies that have looked at children's understanding of rainforests.
- 8 A second study has been planned to investigate primary school children's ideas about rainforests.

Write your answers in boxes **9–13** on your answer sheet.

09 What was the children's most frequent response when asked where the rainforests were?

10 What was the most common response to the question about the importance of the rainforests?

11 What did most children give as the reason for the loss of the rainforests?

12 Why did most children think it important for the rainforests to be protected?

13 Which of the responses is cited as unexpectedly uncommon, given the amount of time spent on the issue by the newspapers and television?

A There is a complicated combination of reasons for the loss of the rainforests.

B The rainforests are being destroyed by the same things that are destroying the forests of Western Europe.

C Rainforests are located near the Equator.

D Brazil is home to the rainforests.

E Without rainforests some animals would have nowhere to live.

F Rainforests are important habitats for a lot of plants.

G People are responsible for the loss of the rainforests.

H The rainforests are a source of oxygen.

I Rainforests are of consequence for a number of different reasons.

J As the rainforests are destroyed, the world gets warmer.

K Without rainforests there would not be enough oxygen in the air.

L There are people for whom the rainforests are home.

M Rainforests are found in Africa.

N Rainforests are not really important to human life.

O The destruction of the rainforests is the direct result of logging activity.

P Humans depend on the rainforests for their continuing existence.