



Read the passage comparing two habitats. Then answer the questions using evidence from the text.

Compare plant life, animal life, climate, rainfall, and temperature in each habitat. Use text evidence to support every answer.

Arctic Tundra vs. Tropical Savanna: Cold and Warm Worlds



The Arctic tundra is a very cold habitat, often below 0°C, with ground frozen year-round called permafrost. **In contrast**, the tropical savanna is warm all year, usually 20-30°C, and has wet and dry seasons.

Tundra plants are small, like mosses and Arctic willow. The savanna, **however**, has tall grasses, such as elephant grass, and scattered trees like the baobab tree.

Arctic animals, like polar bears and Arctic foxes, have thick fur and often migrate.

Similarly, savanna animals like zebras and giraffes are adapted to their warm home, and some migrate for water.

Despite their different climates, **both** the Arctic tundra and tropical savanna support unique life. Animals and plants have special ways to live in these extreme places.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which habitat has ground that is frozen all year?

- (A) Arctic Tundra (B) Tropical Savanna (C) Both (D) Neither

(2) Which habitat is warm all year, usually 20-30°C?

- (A) Arctic Tundra (B) Tropical Savanna (C) Both (D) Neither



(3) One habitat has small plants, **while** the other has tall grasses and trees. Is this a **SIMILARITY** or **DIFFERENCE**?

- A Similarity B Difference

(4) **Both** habitats are home to animals that migrate. Is this a **SIMILARITY** or **DIFFERENCE**?

- A Similarity B Difference

(5) Use evidence from the passage to explain **ONE** way these habitats are alike.

