Skills Worksheet

Section Review

The Tropics

USING KEY TERMS

1. In your own words, write a definition for the term *tropical zone*.

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UNDERSTANDING KEY IDEAS

_____ 2. Which of the following tropical biomes has less than 50 cm of precipitation a year?
   a. rain forest
   b. desert
   c. grassland
   d. savanna

3. What are the soil characteristics of a tropical rain forest?

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4. In what ways have savanna vegetation adapted to fire?

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Math Skills

5. Suppose that in a tropical savanna, the temperature was recorded every hour for 4 h. The recorded temperatures were 27ºC, 28ºC, 29ºC, and 29ºC. Calculate the average temperature for this 4 h period. Show your work below.

CRITICAL THINKING

6. **Analyzing Relationships** How do the tropical biomes differ?

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7. **Making Inferences** How would you expect the adaptations of a plant in a tropical rain forest to differ from the adaptations of a tropical desert plant? Explain.

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8. **Analyzing Data** An area has a temperature range of 30ºC to 40ºC and received 10 cm of rain this year. What biome is this area in?

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