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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. How did the job at the patent office help Einstein?

Ⓐ He learned how to create new things.

Ⓑ He saw new ideas of others and revised them.

Ⓒ He met people who helped him solve problems.

Ⓓ He had the freedom to work on his own ideas.

2. Why were scientists astounded by Einstein's writing in 1905?

Ⓐ He was a twenty-six-year-old patent clerk.

Ⓑ He changed the way they thought about the universe.

Ⓒ He did not work in the physics department of a university.

Ⓓ All of the above

3. Why did Einstein's boss at the patent office tell him, "When you pick up an application, think that anything the inventor says is wrong"?

Ⓐ He didn't think any of the applicants could invent anything.

Ⓑ He knew that Einstein thought that inventors only ever had good ideas.

Ⓒ He needed Einstein to test things to find flaws and mistakes.

Ⓓ He wanted to tell Einstein a joke.

4. In order to protect and sell an invention, an individual must be granted _____.

Ⓐ a job

Ⓑ a patent

Ⓒ a Nobel Prize

Ⓓ an award

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5. Which of the following words best defines Einstein?

Ⓐ curious

Ⓑ patient

Ⓒ careful

Ⓓ friendly

6. What happened before Einstein changed how scientists thought about the universe?

Ⓐ Einstein moved to the United States to avoid World War II.

Ⓑ Einstein's writing was published in a leading German scientific journal.

Ⓒ Einstein's professors helped him get a job at a good university.

Ⓓ Einstein received patents for many things such as computers and CDs.

7. After Germany declared war, Einstein _____.

Ⓐ graduated from a top German science university and easily found a job

Ⓑ developed the theory of relativity while studying in New Jersey

Ⓒ proved the existence of atoms and molecules

Ⓓ accepted a position with the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey

8. How did British scientists test Einstein's theory of relativity?

Ⓐ by analyzing molecules and atoms

Ⓑ by measuring the position of a star during a solar eclipse

Ⓒ by observing the speed of moving objects

Ⓓ by reworking his formulas

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9. Which of the following is a fact about Einstein?

Ⓐ Einstein was the smartest person who has ever lived.

Ⓑ Einstein needed only a table, a chair, a violin, and a bowl of fruit to be happy.

Ⓒ Einstein's mother encouraged him to take up the violin.

Ⓓ Einstein was a great violinist.

10. This book is a biography because _____.

Ⓐ it tells you about Einstein's theory of relativity

Ⓑ it describes the life and talents of a person

Ⓒ become a lifelong learner

Ⓓ it tells you how to apply for a patent

11. Extended Responses: Explain how Einstein's life changed in 1905.

12. Extended Response: What are three ways Einstein's ideas have affected your life?

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

Albert Einstein

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓑ *Elements of a Biography*
11. Answers will vary but should be similar to the following: *Before 1905, Einstein was only a patent office clerk, but that year he had six scientific papers published that changed the way scientists looked at the world. His fame began that year.*
12. Answers will vary but should include things such as the following: *because of Einstein's theories, what I learn in science class is different from what it might have been; because of Einstein, we have many modern conveniences.*

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