Quick Check

The Olympics: Past and Present

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. Why were many athletes hurt or killed in the ancient Games?

Ⓐ The athletes were not well trained.

Ⓑ The athletes didn't know how to play the games.

Ⓒ Some of the events were dangerous.

Ⓓ all of the above

2. Why did many of the early Olympic winners become wealthy?

Ⓐ The winners won a lot of money.

Ⓑ The winners sold their olive wreaths.

Ⓒ The winners were rewarded when they returned to their hometowns.

Ⓓ The winners went to the Games again.

3. Why did people feel safe to travel throughout Greece each time the Olympics were held?

Ⓐ The Olympics were a time of peace.

Ⓑ People often made business deals or held family reunions in Olympia.

Ⓒ The Games had religious meaning.

Ⓓ none of the above

4. What is one difference between the people who watched the ancient Olympics and the people who watch today?

Ⓐ More people watched the ancient games.

Ⓑ Adult women were not allowed to watch the ancient games.

Ⓒ Children were not allowed to watch the ancient games.

Ⓓ Only athletes who competed in the Games were allowed to watch the ancient Olympics.

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5. Why were these famous games called the "Olympics"?

Ⓐ They were played in the city of Olympia.

Ⓑ They honored the Greek goddess Olympia.

Ⓒ They were started by the king of Greece.

Ⓓ The first athletes chose this name.

6. About how long have the modern Olympics been going on?

Ⓐ five hundred years

Ⓑ one hundred years

Ⓒ fifty years

Ⓓ two hundred years

7. What is true of the Olympic torch relay?

Ⓐ The torch starts in Olympia, Greece.

Ⓑ The torch is carried by many people around the world.

Ⓒ The torch ends in the city hosting that year's Olympics.

Ⓓ all of the above

8. How are the ancient Olympics and the modern Olympics similar?

Ⓐ They both included paid athletes.

Ⓑ They both stood for peaceful competition.

Ⓒ They both follow the guidelines of the International Olympic Committee.

Ⓓ all of the above

9. Why do some countries build special training facilities for Olympic athletes?

Ⓐ The countries have too much money.

Ⓑ The countries want to help their athletes win.

Ⓒ The athletes can't train anywhere else.

Ⓓ The athletes don't want to travel.

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10. A **competitor** is _____.

Ⓐ a scientist who studies ancient cultures

Ⓑ a person who takes part in a contest

Ⓒ a person who has disagreements over an issue

Ⓓ an official for the Olympics

11. Extended Response: How are the modern Olympics different from the ancient ones? Give at least three differences supported by the text.

12. Extended Response: The author of this book states that the pressure for athletes to win can be strong. Explain what you think the author means by this.

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
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3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include at least three ideas such as the following: *countries compete instead of city-states; the Games are held in places other than Olympia, Greece; there are Winter and Summer Games; there are many more events now;* and so on.
12. Answers will vary.

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