

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What is the main idea of the book?
  - Ⓐ Flying hot-air balloons is a safe sport.
  - Ⓑ Flying hot-air balloons is a fun and beautiful sport.
  - Ⓒ Dan's longest balloon trip was 55 miles.
  - Ⓓ The balloon is made of strong nylon.
2. How are balloons different from most other kinds of flying machines?
  - Ⓐ Balloons fly slowly.
  - Ⓑ Balloons fly silently.
  - Ⓒ Balloon passengers ride in a basket.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
3. The main purpose of this book is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ tell Dan Saul's biography
  - Ⓑ give information about hot-air balloons
  - Ⓒ show the reader correct interview style
  - Ⓓ describe the beauty of a hot-air balloon
4. What is the most likely reason the interviewer chose Dan Saul to interview?
  - Ⓐ Dan Saul has been flying balloons since 1979.
  - Ⓑ No one else was around.
  - Ⓒ Dan Saul lived close to balloons.
  - Ⓓ The interviewer had a deadline to meet.

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5. A hot-air balloon rises because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ the air around it is cooler
  - Ⓑ the tie-down ropes are cut
  - Ⓒ the winds steer it
  - Ⓓ the brake is released
6. Which of the following items can a person safely fly a balloon without?
  - Ⓐ passengers
  - Ⓑ fuel tanks
  - Ⓒ tools
  - Ⓓ none of the above
7. Hot-air balloons are made of a strong, slippery fabric called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ nylon
  - Ⓑ oxygen
  - Ⓒ scenery
  - Ⓓ none of the above
8. What is the best time to fly a hot-air balloon?
  - Ⓐ on a cloudless day
  - Ⓑ at high noon
  - Ⓒ when temperatures are above 70°
  - Ⓓ after sunrise and before sunset
9. A person who flew a balloon 10 miles high without oxygen tanks would \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ need to come down after 15 minutes
  - Ⓑ not be able to breathe
  - Ⓒ need to use a larger balloon
  - Ⓓ need to wear extra clothes
10. It is safe to fly a hot-air balloon when \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ the weather is good
  - Ⓑ you are in a hurry
  - Ⓒ the passengers are calm
  - Ⓓ you don't have far to travel
11. **Extended Response:** Explain the process of steering a hot-air balloon.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## I Fly Hot-Air Balloons

*Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details*

1. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include a description of using the winds to steer.