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

1. Which of the following describes the main setting of the story?
 - Ⓐ The story takes place on the Fourth of July.
 - Ⓑ The story takes place in winter.
 - Ⓒ The story takes place on a beach.
 - Ⓓ The story takes place in the middle of the night.
2. Readers can tell that the town likes Sam because _____.
 - Ⓐ they fill the town with decorations
 - Ⓑ they come to see him and follow him around
 - Ⓒ they have a big parade
 - Ⓓ none of the above
3. Which of the following lists has the correct sequence of events?
 - Ⓐ Sam meets the mayor, leads a parade, and dresses in a special suit.
 - Ⓑ Sam dresses in a special suit, meets the mayor, and leads a parade.
 - Ⓒ Sam dresses in a special suit, leads a parade, and meets the mayor.
 - Ⓓ Sam leads a parade, meets the mayor, and dresses in a special suit.
4. What does the word **patriotic** mean?
 - Ⓐ having a fear of heights
 - Ⓑ having special skills in math
 - Ⓒ having beautiful hair
 - Ⓓ having pride in one's country

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5. What causes Sam to dance?
 - Ⓐ He dances because he is listening to patriotic music.
 - Ⓑ He dances because he really likes the decorations.
 - Ⓒ He dances because he wants to lead the parade.
 - Ⓓ He dances because he wants to surprise the mayor.
6. What happens because Sam waves his paw to thank the veterans?
 - Ⓐ They wave back at Sam.
 - Ⓑ They shake Sam's paw.
 - Ⓒ They follow Sam in the parade.
 - Ⓓ They sing a song for Sam.
7. Where do the people meet to watch the parade?
 - Ⓐ on top of a hill
 - Ⓑ along the street
 - Ⓒ outside the school
 - Ⓓ at Sam's home
8. Which compound word means the same as *bright or colorful displays of light, sound, and smoke*?
 - Ⓐ fireflies
 - Ⓑ firefighters
 - Ⓒ fireplaces
 - Ⓓ fireworks
9. Which detail is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Sam is the leader of the parade.
 - Ⓑ Sam loves the Fourth of July more than anyone.
 - Ⓒ Everyone laughs when Sam runs around the mayor.
 - Ⓓ People follow Sam through the town.
10. What event happens after the mayor meets with Sam?
 - Ⓐ Sam dances to the band music.
 - Ⓑ People decorate the town with ribbons and banners.
 - Ⓒ Sam dresses in a suit of stars and stripes.
 - Ⓓ People follow Sam and the parade to the park.

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11. Extended Response: What would you do if you were in charge of your town's Independence Day parade? Using details from the story, write a paragraph describing your parade—who would be in it, where it would stop in town, and what it would look like?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Sam's Fourth of July

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
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7. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
11. Answers will vary but should include information about Independence Day parades drawn from the story.