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

1. Which statement is a fact?
 - Ⓐ Crocodilians are the fiercest animals.
 - Ⓑ Caimans are kind and gentle.
 - Ⓒ Alligators are very slimy animals.
 - Ⓓ Crocodilians use lungs to breathe.
2. What might happen if people stop protecting crocodilians?
 - Ⓐ Nature could get out of balance.
 - Ⓑ Many more crocodilians will be killed.
 - Ⓒ There will be less crocodilians for scientists to study.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
3. How is an alligator different from a gharial?
 - Ⓐ An alligator has a short, broad snout.
 - Ⓑ An alligator has a long, narrow snout.
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 - Ⓓ An alligator has a long, broad snout.
4. What does it mean when an animal species is **endangered**?
 - Ⓐ The species is in danger of losing its home.
 - Ⓑ The species is frightened of all other animals.
 - Ⓒ The species is dangerous to all other animals.
 - Ⓓ The species is in danger of dying out completely.
5. Why do crocodilians swallow their prey whole or tear it apart?
 - Ⓐ They are fierce fighters.
 - Ⓑ It tastes better that way.
 - Ⓒ They cannot chew their food.
 - Ⓓ They only eat small animals.
6. Which statement is a fact?
 - Ⓐ It is dangerous to smile at a crocodile.
 - Ⓑ Crocodiles and alligators are reptiles.
 - Ⓒ Alligators are more frightening than snakes.
 - Ⓓ Crocodilians have nothing in common with dinosaurs.

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7. What is the main idea of the book?
 - Ⓐ There are four kinds of crocodilians.
 - Ⓑ Alligators have short, broad snouts.
 - Ⓒ Crocodilians spend time on land and in water.
 - Ⓓ Crocs and gators are alike and different.
8. Which statement is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Everyone thinks crocodiles are dangerous.
 - Ⓑ Crocodilians have thick, scaly skin.
 - Ⓒ Caimans live in Central and South America.
 - Ⓓ Newly hatched crocodilian babies are mostly helpless.
9. Why can a crocodilian open its mouth underwater and not drown?
 - Ⓐ It can stick its nostrils out of the water.
 - Ⓑ It breathes out while underwater.
 - Ⓒ It can shut off its windpipe.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
10. How are crocodiles and caimans alike?
 - Ⓐ the shape of their feet
 - Ⓑ the place where they live
 - Ⓒ the shape of their head
 - Ⓓ the food they eat
11. **Extended Response:** Explain what characteristics allow crocodilians to catch their prey.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Crocs and Gators

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
9. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
11. Possible Answers: *ability to look like a log to surprise unsuspecting prey; powerful jaws and sharp teeth; etc.*