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

1. How did Louis Braille hurt his eye?
 - Ⓐ A tree branch hit it.
 - Ⓑ He was bitten by a wolf.
 - Ⓒ A sharp awl poked it.
 - Ⓓ It was burned by a candle.
2. Why didn't Louis learn to read or write at his first school?
 - Ⓐ He didn't have any books.
 - Ⓑ He couldn't see the words.
 - Ⓒ He didn't go to school every day.
 - Ⓓ He didn't have anyone to teach him.
3. Where was the special school for the blind that Louis went to?
 - Ⓐ New York, New York
 - Ⓑ London, England
 - Ⓒ Paris, France
 - Ⓓ Rome, Italy
4. What did Louis learn at the school for blind children?
 - Ⓐ how to read
 - Ⓑ how to make chairs
 - Ⓒ how to sew leather slippers
 - Ⓓ all of the above
5. Why did Charles Barbier take his night writing invention to the school where Louis Braille was a student?
 - Ⓐ The army didn't want to use it.
 - Ⓑ Louis asked him to bring it to show everyone.
 - Ⓒ He wanted to help his son who was blind.
 - Ⓓ He had invented it to help soldiers who were blind.
6. What is an **obstacle**?
 - Ⓐ an idea that is invented
 - Ⓑ a problem that gets in the way
 - Ⓒ a way to write new letters and words
 - Ⓓ a tool blind people use to walk around

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7. Why did Louis Braille want to change Charles Barbier's night writing system?
 - Ⓐ It was too hard to learn.
 - Ⓑ It didn't have all the letters.
 - Ⓒ It couldn't be used for English.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. Blind people were able to read Louis Braille's system faster because _____.
 - Ⓐ it could be used in more languages
 - Ⓑ it had more letters of the alphabet
 - Ⓒ it only used six dots instead of twelve
 - Ⓓ it used bigger dots for each letter
9. What is **Braille**?
 - Ⓐ a way to read and write using raised dots
 - Ⓑ a special typewriter that blind people use
 - Ⓒ a secret coded language
 - Ⓓ a school for the blind
10. Why do people today know Louis Braille's name?
 - Ⓐ He created a school where blind children can go.
 - Ⓑ He invented the written language that blind people still use.
 - Ⓒ He invented a way to stop children from becoming blind.
 - Ⓓ He talked Charles Barbier into donating money to his school.
11. **Extended Response:** Explain why "night writing" could be used by blind people.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

A Man of Vision

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓒ Elements of a Biography
4. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
5. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
7. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Elements of a Biography
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following:
this writing was invented for people to use at night when they couldn't see letters; instead they feel the letters, which blind people can do.