LEVEL M

Quick Check Firefighters

Name ______ Date _____

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

- 1. How might a firefighter inspecting a building most likely prevent a fire?
 - A The firefighter would make sure the building was safe from things that cause fires.
 - B The firefighter would take away everyone's matches.
 - The firefighter would be prepared to fight a fire in that building.
 - ① All of the above
- **2.** A skyscraper is ______.
 - (A) a very tall building
 - (B) a worker who cleans windows
 - (C) a storm that clears the sky
 - a fire truck
- **3.** How do smoke masks, air tanks, and fans protect firefighters?
 - (A) They help put out small fires.
 - B They help firefighters breathe when there is smoke.
 - They protect firefighters from heat and flames.
 - ① They help firefighters locate the fire.

- **4.** Which of the following is not a type of fire truck?
 - (A) a ladder truck
 - (B) a rescue truck
 - © a safety truck
 - (D) a tanker truck
- **5.** What qualities must a person have to become a firefighter?
 - (A) The person must be at least 18 years old.
 - B The person must be in good physical shape.
 - © The person must be able to pass a written test.
 - (D) All of the above
- **6.** What might happen if a building on fire is more than eight stories tall?
 - A The tallest ladder truck might not be able to reach the top of the fire.
 - B The fire would always catch other buildings on fire.
 - © The firefighters would not have enough water.
 - ① All of the above



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- **7.** Besides water, what is often used to fight forest fires?
 - (A) fans
 - B boats
 - (C) chemicals
 - (D) none of the above
- **8.** Fireboats get their water to fight fires _____.
 - A by pumping water from under the boat
 - B from big tanks on board the boat
 - © from special pumping stations near the shore
 - (D) all of the above
- **9.** Something fire-retardant will ______.
 - (A) catch fire easily
 - (B) smell like smoke
 - (C) help to slow down fire
 - (I) keep fires from ever starting

- **10.** Firefighters learn their skills ______.
 - (A) at firefighting school
 - B by watching fires
 - (C) by riding fire trucks
 - ① from reading library books
- **11. Extended Response:** Why do firefighters have to know how to use so many different tools?



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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

- **1.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **2.** (A) Vocabulary
- 3.

 B Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **4.** (C) Main Idea and Details
- **5.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- **6.** (A) Cause and Effect
- 7. (C) Main Idea and Details
- **8.** (A) Main Idea and Details
- **9.** ① Vocabulary
- **10.** (A) Main Idea and Details
- 11. Answers will vary but must include the idea: Different types of fires require firefighters to use different tools to fight them and get them put out.