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

1. Which detail best supports the main idea that each feature of a hermit crab's body helps it to survive?
 - Ⓐ Hermit crabs start as eggs.
 - Ⓑ Hermit crabs are related to other crabs.
 - Ⓒ Hermit crabs can be as tiny as a penny.
 - Ⓓ Hermit crabs have two pairs of short legs that help them hold onto their shells.
2. The main purpose of this book is _____.
 - Ⓐ to inform the reader about hermit crabs
 - Ⓑ to entertain the reader with funny facts about hermit crabs
 - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to buy a hermit crab for a pet
 - Ⓓ none of the above
3. When a hermit crab **molts**, it _____.
 - Ⓐ hides from danger
 - Ⓑ fights with other crabs
 - Ⓒ grows a new exoskeleton and sheds its old one
 - Ⓓ feeds on dead fish
4. Which is not a detail about hermit crabs?
 - Ⓐ They come in all sizes.
 - Ⓑ They are scavengers.
 - Ⓒ They can live to be thirty years old.
 - Ⓓ They like to live alone.
5. When a hermit crab outgrows its shell, _____.
 - Ⓐ it finds a bigger one
 - Ⓑ it lays eggs
 - Ⓒ it dies
 - Ⓓ it gets eaten by birds

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6. Why is it good for a beach to have a lot of hermit crabs?
Ⓐ They are funny to watch.
Ⓑ They provide food for the birds.
Ⓒ They keep beaches clean.
Ⓓ None of the above
7. A hermit crab's _____ help it taste water and find food.
Ⓐ claws
Ⓑ antennae
Ⓒ eyes
Ⓓ mouth
8. What do hermit crabs do after they have been larvae for a few months?
Ⓐ They find something to eat.
Ⓑ They find an empty shell and join a colony.
Ⓒ They find a mate and lay eggs.
Ⓓ They move onto land.
9. A hermit crab is a _____, or animal that finds and eats scraps of garbage or dead animals.
Ⓐ predator
Ⓑ lobster
Ⓒ larvae
Ⓓ scavenger
10. Which detail correctly describes the biggest hermit crab?
Ⓐ as big as a softball
Ⓑ as big as a penny
Ⓒ as big as a skateboard
Ⓓ as big as a backpack
11. **Extended Response:** Write two facts that you learned about hermit crabs that you didn't know before reading this book.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Hermit Crabs

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include two facts from the text.