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

1. What detail supports the main idea that elephants live in families?
 - Ⓐ Related female elephants live together.
 - Ⓑ There are two kinds of elephants.
 - Ⓒ Many elephants have a pair of tusks.
 - Ⓓ Baby elephants are incredibly cute.
2. What detail supports the main idea that elephants don't stay long in one place?
 - Ⓐ They make enemies and must run.
 - Ⓑ They quickly strip plant life from an area.
 - Ⓒ The matriarch forces the family to move.
 - Ⓓ Elephants require a lot of space.
3. The main purpose of this book is _____.
 - Ⓐ to explain an elephant's diet
 - Ⓑ to describe two kinds of elephants
 - Ⓒ to give facts and details about elephants
 - Ⓓ to demonstrate uses for an elephant's trunk
4. A **matriarch** is _____.
 - Ⓐ a female leader
 - Ⓑ the chief male
 - Ⓒ an Asian elephant
 - Ⓓ a calf
5. Which is not a detail about elephant bodies?
 - Ⓐ thick legs
 - Ⓑ wrinkled skin
 - Ⓒ small ears
 - Ⓓ long, pointed teeth

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6. What does **herbivore** mean?

- Ⓐ a plant-eating animal
- Ⓑ animals who use herbs
- Ⓒ an adult male elephant
- Ⓓ the leader of an elephant family

7. As more people turn wild lands into farms _____.

- Ⓐ elephants have fewer places to live
- Ⓑ fencing causes problems
- Ⓒ African elephants attack
- Ⓓ none of the above

8. An elephant's trunk can work as _____.

- Ⓐ a hand
- Ⓑ a hose
- Ⓒ a snorkel
- Ⓓ all of the above

9. Why do elephants sometimes cover themselves with dust?

- Ⓐ to protect themselves from insects and the sun
- Ⓑ to help them hide from poachers
- Ⓒ to keep birds away
- Ⓓ to hide their smell from other animals

10. Why are elephants killed?

- Ⓐ People like to eat them.
- Ⓑ Bull elephants fight.
- Ⓒ Their tusks are valuable.
- Ⓓ Elephants are dangerous.

11. **Extended Response:** How is an elephant family similar to a human family? Name at least two ways.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Elephants

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but must consist of at least two ways mentioned in the text.