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

1. Which sentence below is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Horseshoe crabs look scary with their shells and pointed tails.
 - Ⓑ Female horseshoe crabs can lay eighty thousand eggs in one season.
 - Ⓒ Horseshoe crabs stay cool by digging into the wet sand.
 - Ⓓ The crabs turn over on their backs and float on their shells like boats.
2. Gram wanted the narrator to _____ before going to the beach alone.
 - Ⓐ learn how to be safe
 - Ⓑ pick out a bedroom
 - Ⓒ eat dinner
 - Ⓓ go to the store
3. The narrator picked one bedroom because _____.
 - Ⓐ it was the biggest
 - Ⓑ it had a small bed
 - Ⓒ it had a window facing the ocean
 - Ⓓ it was closest to Gram's bedroom
4. The jetties were built _____.
 - Ⓐ to stop the ocean from flooding the town
 - Ⓑ for people to walk on
 - Ⓒ to prevent the beach from eroding
 - Ⓓ so more people would come visit the town
5. How did the narrator feel when first seeing the horseshoe crabs?
 - Ⓐ surprised
 - Ⓑ worried
 - Ⓒ scared
 - Ⓓ lonely

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6. If an animal sheds its skin, we say it _____.
 - Ⓐ rows
 - Ⓑ molts
 - Ⓒ burrows
 - Ⓓ erodes
7. Before a horseshoe crab eats, it _____.
 - Ⓐ sinks to the bottom of the ocean
 - Ⓑ turns over and floats
 - Ⓒ swims to shore
 - Ⓓ sits on rocks
8. Why did Gram think it was okay for birds to eat some of the horseshoe crabs' eggs?
 - Ⓐ There were too many horseshoe crabs.
 - Ⓑ The birds would die from eating them.
 - Ⓒ The birds needed them for their food.
 - Ⓓ The eggs made a mess on the beach.
9. Which is not a fact about horseshoe crabs?
 - Ⓐ Horseshoe crabs have nine eyes.
 - Ⓑ Horseshoe crabs eat tiny sea animals.
 - Ⓒ Horseshoe crabs are mammals.
 - Ⓓ Horseshoe crabs have a nervous system.
10. A **current** is _____.
 - Ⓐ a small animal that lives only in salt water
 - Ⓑ a flow of water moving in one direction
 - Ⓒ a wave of high water
 - Ⓓ a strong storm
11. **Extended Response:** What might have happened if the narrator hadn't followed the Gram's rules about the sea?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Horseshoes Aren't Just for Good Luck

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
2. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
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5. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include logical outcomes.
Sample: *The narrator might have gone into the ocean and drowned.*