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

1. Which of the following best describes a problem that the animals in this book face?
 - Ⓐ They are very small and can't move fast.
 - Ⓑ There are too many animals and too little food.
 - Ⓒ They have a difficult time crossing roads safely.
 - Ⓓ They are all becoming endangered.
2. Every animal has a **habitat**, which is _____.
 - Ⓐ anything not living that is used to move people or goods
 - Ⓑ the violent or forceful impact of objects
 - Ⓒ the process by which an entire group of animals or plants dies out
 - Ⓓ the natural environment of plants and animals
3. Three of the following sentences are supporting details. Which answer tells the main idea?
 - Ⓐ The crossings cost millions of dollars.
 - Ⓑ It used to be the site of hundreds of collisions between animals and vehicles each year.
 - Ⓒ Parks Canada built over thirty animal underpasses and overpasses to save wildlife (and humans) in Banff National Park.
 - Ⓓ That first year, only one black bear used the crossings.
4. Which of the following is a reason why animals use the crossings?
 - Ⓐ to find prey in a different area
 - Ⓑ to allow scientists to study them
 - Ⓒ to have photos taken by hidden cameras
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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5. What type of book is *Critter Crossings*?
 - Ⓐ realistic fiction
 - Ⓑ persuasive nonfiction
 - Ⓒ fantasy fiction
 - Ⓓ autobiographical nonfiction
6. Which statement is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Banff National Park has some of the most beautiful mountains in North America.
 - Ⓑ Many animals face danger as they cross roads.
 - Ⓒ The highway may carry more than 25,000 vehicles each day.
 - Ⓓ Roads can cut up habitats and keep animals from being able to move freely.
7. Which word means *to move from one habitat or region to another at a certain time each year*?
 - Ⓐ extinct
 - Ⓑ collide
 - Ⓒ endanger
 - Ⓓ migrate
8. What problem happens when animals aren't able to find a mate?
 - Ⓐ They can't have babies, which can cause a species to disappear from an area.
 - Ⓑ Roads cannot be built in their habitat.
 - Ⓒ They can't find food or shelter.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
9. How are underpasses and overpasses similar?
 - Ⓐ They are both used in Banff National Park.
 - Ⓑ They both have been built to try to help wildlife safely cross roads by preventing collisions between humans and animals.
 - Ⓒ They each cost millions of dollars to build.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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10. Which of the following can cause the extinction of a species?

- Ⓐ too many animals use the special animal crossings
- Ⓑ no animal babies are born
- Ⓒ more animal crossings are being built
- Ⓓ an animal moves from one habitat to another at a certain time each year

11. **Extended Response:** Do you think more critter crossings should be built? Give facts from the book to support your thinking.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Critter Crossings

Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
2. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
6. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓐ *Problem and Solution*
9. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary, but students should include facts from the book to support their opinion, pro or con. For a pro stance to building more crossings, examples should address the following: *the cost of repairs, cleanup, and hospital bills after crashes between cars and animals; thousands of animals have used the passes to cross in Banff; endangered animals are able to migrate; walls and tunnels save the lives of thousands of small animals; crossings help save animals from extinction and help large animals find food; roads cut up habitats, and species that can't cross roads to reach food have less of a chance to survive; roads can keep members of the same species apart so they can't mate.* For a con stance to building more crossings, examples include the following: *building the crossings costs millions of dollars and isn't money well spent; not enough animals use the crossings to warrant the money spent.*