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

1. What caused soldiers to be scared on D-Day?
 - Ⓐ They had to jump into cold water while being shot at.
 - Ⓑ They were not experienced soldiers.
 - Ⓒ Many were already seasick from rough waters.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. According to the map on page 5, what countries remained neutral during the war?
 - Ⓐ Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland
 - Ⓑ Italy, Spain, England, and Bulgaria
 - Ⓒ Poland, Prussia, Austria, and Albania
 - Ⓓ Ireland, Spain, Yugoslavia, and Greece
3. What can be said about the tanks at Omaha Beach?
 - Ⓐ The tanks were useless because they were broken and would not work.
 - Ⓑ The tanks were a great help to the American troops on the beach.
 - Ⓒ The tanks were useless since no one knew how to fire them properly.
 - Ⓓ The tanks were useless since only two reached the shore and the other twenty-seven sank into the ocean.
4. The first invasion of D-Day was scheduled for what time?
 - Ⓐ 7:25 a.m.
 - Ⓑ 1:30 a.m.
 - Ⓒ 6:30 a.m.
 - Ⓓ 8:00 a.m.

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5. Which word could replace **mission** in the following sentence? *The **mission** was a success.*
 - Ⓐ assignment
 - Ⓑ church
 - Ⓒ house
 - Ⓓ problem
6. Why did Canadian troops struggle at Juno Beach?
 - Ⓐ Their tanks were released from launch vehicles too soon, and they sank.
 - Ⓑ Strong winds blew them off course.
 - Ⓒ The paratroopers did not distract German troops.
 - Ⓓ Bad weather and rising tides made it hard for them to destroy German mines.
7. What happened after British soldiers and paratroopers linked together at Sword Beach?
 - Ⓐ They overtook small towns to use for unloading supplies.
 - Ⓑ German troops surrendered.
 - Ⓒ German troops launched a counterattack.
 - Ⓓ They got lost and did not meet Canadian and American troops at Caen.
8. The people caught, injured, missing, and killed during a war are _____.
 - Ⓐ paratroopers
 - Ⓑ casualties
 - Ⓒ infantry
 - Ⓓ Allies
9. Which country surrendered first at the end of World War II?
 - Ⓐ America
 - Ⓑ Japan
 - Ⓒ Germany
 - Ⓓ France

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10. Why was D-Day an important invasion for the Allied forces?

- Ⓐ It would win the war.
- Ⓑ It would prove the Allied forces were stronger than the Axis powers.
- Ⓒ It would make the German troops afraid of the Allied forces.
- Ⓓ It would help free France and trap German troops between Allied-occupied countries.

11. Extended Response: What problems did Allied forces face during Operation Overload?

12. Extended Response: What was the overall effect of Operation Overload?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

D-Day*Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events*

1. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Text Structure*
3. Ⓓ *Making Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓒ *Sequence of Events*
8. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓓ *Main Ideas and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include that troops were untrained, weather made it difficult for many invasions, often blowing them off course; some beaches were surrounded by high cliffs; German defenses were around the beaches; and Allied tanks sank because they were off course.
12. Answers will vary but should include that the Allied forces gained a foothold in France, many soldiers died fighting for both the Allies and the Axis powers, and Allied forces were able to push back German troops and free occupied France.