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

1. Why are manatees not usually found in the open sea?
 - Ⓐ There are not enough people in the open sea.
 - Ⓑ There are too many predators in the open sea.
 - Ⓒ The water in the open sea is too warm.
 - Ⓓ Manatees get lost too easily.
2. A manatee is _____.
 - Ⓐ a type of whale
 - Ⓑ a type of fish
 - Ⓒ a type of mammal
 - Ⓓ a type of seal
3. Which statement about manatees is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Manatees cannot survive if it gets too cold.
 - Ⓑ Manatees live in both fresh and salt water.
 - Ⓒ Manatees are not nearly as beautiful as mermaids.
 - Ⓓ A manatee can eat up to 15 percent of its weight each day.
4. Read the example sentence: *Manatees **migrate** between feeding areas.* What does **migrate** mean?
 - Ⓐ get caught in fishing nets
 - Ⓑ swim very fast to escape from predators
 - Ⓒ move to a new area at a certain time of year
 - Ⓓ graze on plants as cows do
5. Why is it easier to spot a manatee when it is active?
 - Ⓐ It likes to play around boats.
 - Ⓑ It will come onto land to play.
 - Ⓒ It comes to the surface more often.
 - Ⓓ It goes farther out to sea when it rests.

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6. Scientists believe that a manatee's heavy, solid bones _____.
 - Ⓐ protect it from the cold
 - Ⓑ help it steer through the water
 - Ⓒ keep it from floating too high in the water
 - Ⓓ none of the above
7. What might happen to manatees when motorboats come into areas where they live?
 - Ⓐ The manatees swim into warm water.
 - Ⓑ The manatees migrate.
 - Ⓒ The manatees are injured or killed.
 - Ⓓ The manatees swim together in a group.
8. What is the closest living relative of the manatee?
 - Ⓐ the whale
 - Ⓑ the dolphin
 - Ⓒ the cow
 - Ⓓ the elephant
9. Read this example sentence: *Manatees are in great danger of becoming **extinct**.* What does **extinct** mean?
 - Ⓐ being unable to swim underwater
 - Ⓑ dying out completely
 - Ⓒ losing their sight
 - Ⓓ having to eat meat
10. Which of the following is not a type of manatee?
 - Ⓐ Amazonian manatee
 - Ⓑ North American manatee
 - Ⓒ West African manatee
 - Ⓓ West Indian manatee
11. **Extended Response:** Why are manatees endangered and what can people do to protect them?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Manatees

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓒ *Classify Information*
3. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
4. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Classify Information*
11. Examples include: *Threats to manatees include pollution, hunters, shark nets, power boats, pesticides, and chemicals. People can watch out for manatees and slow down their boats in the areas where manatees are found, cut down on the use of pesticides and fertilizers and use natural products in the home and garden, and stop killing manatees for hides or food.*