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

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| <p>1. Why is <i>Guardian Dogs: Penguin Protectors</i> a good title for the book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ because the book is about the red foxes that prey on the little penguins in Australia Ⓑ because the book is about penguins that protect the Maremma guard dogs Ⓒ because the book is about the Maremma guard dogs that protect penguins Ⓓ because the book is about dogs that look like penguins, so they're called <i>penguin protectors</i> | <p>2. What was the problem described in this book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The penguin population on Middle Island was nearly wiped out by fox attacks. Ⓑ Maremma dogs were not recommended as family pets because of their instinct to herd. Ⓒ The dogs needed to take breaks because the weather conditions on Middle Island were harsh. Ⓓ The little penguin, only 12 inches tall, was the smallest species of penguin in the world. |
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3. How did the people in the Warrnambool community solve the problem?
- Ⓐ They rounded up all the foxes and took them off the island.
 - Ⓑ They taught Maremma dogs how to be safe family pets.
 - Ⓒ They trained Maremma dogs to keep the penguins safe.
 - Ⓓ They adopted the penguins and kept them in their homes.

4. Which of the following details supports the main point that using Maremmas as guard dogs for penguins was a brilliant idea?
- Ⓐ During breeding season, little penguins live in burrows dug in the sand.
 - Ⓑ About two hundred volunteers gave their time and money to keep the penguins safe.
 - Ⓒ By 2005, the penguin population was nearly wiped out by fox attacks.
 - Ⓓ Since the dogs arrived on the island in 2006, there have been no known attacks on penguins.

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5. Which historical event caused the little penguins to eventually face the danger of dying out?
 - Ⓐ The Warrnambool City Council created the Middle Island Maremma Project.
 - Ⓑ British colonists brought the red fox to Australia in the 1830s.
 - Ⓒ Local farmer Alan Marsh suggested using Maremmas to protect the penguins.
 - Ⓓ The Maremma dogs were introduced to Middle Island in 2006.
6. Which of the following details from the book shows that the author thinks using Maremma dogs is a good idea to protect animals like the little penguin?
 - Ⓐ Maremmas are bred in Italy, and have been for hundreds of years.
 - Ⓑ During the summer, the tide is very low.
 - Ⓒ The little penguin stands only 30 centimeters tall.
 - Ⓓ These hero dogs turned out to be the perfect answer.
7. Which of the following animals is *an aquatic, flightless bird that lives in the Southern Hemisphere*?
 - Ⓐ a penguin
 - Ⓑ a fox
 - Ⓒ an eagle
 - Ⓓ a dog
8. How are Maremma dogs similar to red foxes?
 - Ⓐ Both hunt penguins.
 - Ⓑ Both are mammals.
 - Ⓒ Both protect penguins.
 - Ⓓ Both are family pets.
9. Wolves and foxes are _____, or *animals that hunt and eat other animals to survive*.
 - Ⓐ prey
 - Ⓑ herbivores
 - Ⓒ guards
 - Ⓓ predators

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10. Which of the following is an opinion from the section "Training the Dogs"?
- Ⓐ Two dogs stay on the island during every breeding season.
 - Ⓑ People volunteer to work with the dogs.
 - Ⓒ It is an honor to work with the volunteers in the project.
 - Ⓓ Phil Root is the main dog handler.

11. **Extended Response:** Choose one section from the table of contents. Write the section title and describe the clues it provides about the information in the section. Choose two details from the section to prove your point. If you were to rename the section, what would you name it and why?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Guardian Dogs: Penguin Protectors

Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Problem and Solution
3. Ⓒ Problem and Solution
4. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
5. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓓ Author's Point of View
7. Ⓐ Vocabulary
8. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓓ Vocabulary
10. Ⓒ Fact or Opinion
11. Answers will vary. Example: *One section from this book is called "Little Penguins." The heading gives me the clue that I will read about penguins in this section and that the penguins will be small. The details from the section confirm this. One sentence describes the little penguin as the smallest of all penguins. Other details describe how they lay eggs and take care of their chicks. If I renamed the section, I would call it "Little Penguins and Their Danger" because other details in the section describe how foxes moved to the penguins' island and began to eat them all.*