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

1. What was the author's purpose for writing *Escape from the Holocaust*?
  - Ⓐ to inform readers about World War II and how it devastated the world
  - Ⓑ to inform readers about Czechoslovakia and its role during World War II
  - Ⓒ to inform readers about how Hitler formed the Nazi party
  - Ⓓ to inform readers about how hundreds of Czech children were saved
2. Read this sentence:  
*The Holocaust is one of the most **atrocious** crimes in all of humanity. Atrocious* means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ cruel
  - Ⓑ confusing
  - Ⓒ unnoticed
  - Ⓓ forgotten
3. According to this book, which statement about Nicholas Winton is true?
  - Ⓐ Nicholas Winton never got to meet any of the families of the people he saved.
  - Ⓑ Nicholas Winton kept his story a secret, and it was not uncovered until after he died.
  - Ⓒ Nicholas Winton did not support the war and decided not to fight in World War II.
  - Ⓓ Nicholas Winton was given many awards for his work saving children from the Holocaust.
4. What was Winton's first step in his plan to help others?
  - Ⓐ He placed ads in newspapers across Great Britain.
  - Ⓑ He set himself up in a hotel in Prague.
  - Ⓒ He returned to England to raise money.
  - Ⓓ He created fake permits.

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5. Which sentence helps readers know that Nicholas Winton was determined to help children?
- Ⓐ Winton said, "I only went to Prague because we'd discuss a good deal, if not daily, what was happening in Europe."
  - Ⓑ Winton went into the camps and saw that they were cold, dirty, and jammed with thousands of people.
  - Ⓒ When the governments moved too slowly, sometimes Winton and a small team of helpers created fake permits.
  - Ⓓ At fifty pounds per child, such a fee back then was a small fortune.
6. What happened right after Hitler's army invaded Poland and closed all German-controlled borders?
- Ⓐ The first fifteen children left Prague for Great Britain by airplane.
  - Ⓑ Winton placed ads in newspapers across Great Britain and talked with churches.
  - Ⓒ Winton began planning for an eighth train out of Prague.
  - Ⓓ A train carrying children disappeared, and the children were never seen again.

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7. Which of the following sentences informs the reader about the main topic of the book?
  - Ⓐ In 2002, Winton was made a knight by Queen Elizabeth II, an award given to people for acts of bravery, service, or success.
  - Ⓑ Since his secret was revealed, Winton has spoken often about his decision to save the Czech children.
  - Ⓒ As many as 5,000 people are now descendants of the 669 children who rode Winton's trains to safety in 1939.
  - Ⓓ Winton organized trains and worked to find homes for hundreds of Jewish children fleeing the Nazis.
8. The word **refugees** means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ of or relating to the race, culture, or religion of the Jewish people
  - Ⓑ people who must flee their homeland and often have nowhere to go
  - Ⓒ to smuggle or carry off secretly
  - Ⓓ lower in quality or rank
9. The author most likely includes details about Vera Gissing as a child to help readers \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ understand the conditions of many refugee camps
  - Ⓑ understand the plight of many Jewish people during this time in history
  - Ⓒ draw conclusions about the military struggle during World War II
  - Ⓓ understand how Winton was able to save so many children

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**10.** What was the effect of Winton's wife finding his old briefcase in the attic?

- Ⓐ Winton began writing letters to the governments of countries around the world, asking them to take the children.
- Ⓑ Over six hundred children were carried away to safety.
- Ⓒ A British television show did a program about him and put him in touch with more than two dozen of the children he had rescued.
- Ⓓ Winton's secret was revealed, and he started writing a book about his experience.

**11. Extended Response:** What are three problems that faced Winton as he set into motion his plan to save the Czech children?

**12. Extended Response:** What are three ways in which Winton's work has been recognized?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Escape From the Holocaust

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
2. Ⓐ Vocabulary
3. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓑ Sequence Events
5. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
6. Ⓓ Sequence Events
7. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓑ Vocabulary
9. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include three specific examples from the book, such as the following: *Winton had to find and meet with parents who wanted him to help get their children to safety; he needed to find safe places for the children to live; he had to raise money for their travel; Hitler's army was closing all German-controlled borders.*
12. Answers will vary but should include three examples from the book, such as the following: *Newspapers ran stories about Winton; a British television show did a program about him; he was knighted; and so on.*