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

1. What most excited Daniel about running north?
 - Ⓐ He could go to school.
 - Ⓑ He would be able to find his mother.
 - Ⓒ He would not have to pick cotton.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. Why didn't Daniel want to wake up at the beginning of the story?
 - Ⓐ He didn't want to get up to pick cotton.
 - Ⓑ He didn't want to have to leave his home.
 - Ⓒ He didn't want to wake up and see his father.
 - Ⓓ He didn't want to have to go and hide from people.
3. Why is the Ohio River a significant setting in this story?
 - Ⓐ The Ohio River was a fun river for Daniel to swim in.
 - Ⓑ The Ohio River was the border between slave states and free states.
 - Ⓒ The Ohio River was very wide and took many days to cross.
 - Ⓓ The Ohio River was where Daniel and his father were going to live.
4. What are **shackles**?
 - Ⓐ chains that tie a person's hands or feet together
 - Ⓑ a special message that runaway slaves sent
 - Ⓒ maps used by slaves to escape to freedom
 - Ⓓ a rope around a person's neck

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5. When Daniel and the others hid in the gully, they tried to look like they were _____ in order to avoid being caught.
 - Ⓐ rocks
 - Ⓑ ghosts
 - Ⓒ stumps
 - Ⓓ animals
6. What did Daniel mean when he said, "I felt like my heart fell down a deep well and landed on the bottom with a cold splash"?
 - Ⓐ He got a sudden chill.
 - Ⓑ He was very sad.
 - Ⓒ He was thirsty.
 - Ⓓ He was hurt.
7. Why did Daniel's momma just pretend to spank him when Mrs. Winters was around?
 - Ⓐ Daniel had refused to do the work his momma asked.
 - Ⓑ Momma didn't really think Daniel deserved to be spanked hard.
 - Ⓒ Mrs. Winters didn't really want Daniel to be hurt by the spankings.
 - Ⓓ Daniel's father wanted her to spank him for not picking enough cotton.
8. Daniel really knew he was free when _____.
 - Ⓐ his father told him to run
 - Ⓑ Mr. Avery took the shackles off
 - Ⓒ the black people stopped looking at him
 - Ⓓ he felt the soil on the Ohio side of the river

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9. Where did the five slaves hide the first day they were running?
 - Ⓐ in a closet in an old house
 - Ⓑ in a hayloft in an old barn
 - Ⓒ under the floor in an old barn
 - Ⓓ behind a stack of wood in a shed

10. How did Daniel's mother feel when she opened her eyes at the end of the story?
 - Ⓐ surprised
 - Ⓑ excited
 - Ⓒ joyous
 - Ⓓ all of the above

11. **Extended Response:** Explain why Emmy didn't go across the Ohio River to freedom with Daniel and his father.

12. **Extended Response:** Pretend you are Daniel. What would you have told your mother about your trip to freedom?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Running for Freedom

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Setting

1. **(B)** Analyze Setting
2. **(A)** Cause and Effect
3. **(B)** Analyze Setting
4. **(A)** Vocabulary
5. **(C)** Analyze Setting
6. **(B)** Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
7. **(B)** Analyze Character
8. **(D)** Cause and Effect
9. **(C)** Story Elements
10. **(D)** Analyze Character
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *Emmy was heading back south to find more slaves to help to freedom.*
12. Answers will vary but likely would include a retelling of the story: *Daddy woke me up in the middle of the night, and we had to run then hide in the floor of a barn. It was scary when slaves came into the barn and worked while we were hiding there. We almost got caught the next night when people with hounds and guns came looking for us. We escaped by running across the swamp. They shot their guns at us but we didn't get hit. We ran for many nights until we got to the Ohio River where a man put us in shackles and led us across the river. I was so scared but now I'm so happy that we're all free!*