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

1. What is the main idea of the section titled "Body Parts"?
 - Ⓐ Ants have six legs and three body parts like other insects.
 - Ⓑ Ants can hear vibrations through their legs and feet.
 - Ⓒ Ants have many eyes but still cannot see well.
 - Ⓓ Ants don't have lungs, so they breathe through small holes in their bodies.
2. How are the queen ant and all the other ants inside the nest the same?
 - Ⓐ They all travel outside of the nest to get food.
 - Ⓑ They all keep the nest clean.
 - Ⓒ They all lay eggs.
 - Ⓓ They are all females.
3. *Chemicals released by animals to communicate with other animals* are called _____.
 - Ⓐ mandibles
 - Ⓑ thoraxes
 - Ⓒ pheromones
 - Ⓓ species
4. Which sentence from the book includes an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Worker ants are usually the ones you see above ground.
 - Ⓑ Some ants build their colonies in wood, but usually colonies are built underground.
 - Ⓒ Soldier ants are usually much larger than worker ants.
 - Ⓓ Ants may be small, but they can do awesome things.
5. *Awesome Ants* is mostly about _____.
 - Ⓐ the importance of the queen ant and her role in the colony
 - Ⓑ the process ants use to build a colony
 - Ⓒ the amazing lives and capabilities of ants
 - Ⓓ the similarities and differences between ants and other insects

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6. In the author's opinion,
_____.
 (A) ants are dangerous and you should not touch them
 (B) ants are the most interesting insects on the planet
 (C) ants are fascinating and amazing insects
 (D) ants are boring and not worth learning about
7. *A rapid shaking motion* is called _____.
 (A) vibration
 (B) release
 (C) antennae
 (D) protection
8. What happens after a male ant mates with the queen?
 (A) The male ant becomes a soldier ant.
 (B) The male ant dies after mating.
 (C) The male ant moves onto another colony to mate with a different queen.
 (D) The male ant collects food to bring back to the queen.
9. The main way ants communicate is through _____.
 (A) talking
 (B) smell
 (C) sound
 (D) touch
10. What happens to a flying male ant that lands near a colony?
 (A) It is given food and becomes a part of the group.
 (B) It becomes either a soldier ant or a worker ant.
 (C) It is carried by worker ants to the queen to mate with her.
 (D) It becomes a king ant until another male comes along.
11. **Extended Response:** Why did the author title this book *Awesome Ants*? How do you know? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Awesome Ants

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
5. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but students should include facts from the text, such as: *ants can carry up to twenty times their body weight, they communicate mostly through smell, and they can create bridges with their bodies to cross over water.*