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

1. Which of the following is part of a rattlesnake's habitat?
 - Ⓐ swamps
 - Ⓑ deserts
 - Ⓒ forests
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Why might a rattler with eight rattles be older than one with ten?
 - Ⓐ The rattlers don't want to keep all their rattles.
 - Ⓑ Sometimes older parts of the rattles break off.
 - Ⓒ The number of rattles has nothing to do with a snake's age.
 - Ⓓ none of the above
3. Why does a rattlesnake let the prey that it bit run away?
 - Ⓐ The snake has decided not to eat it.
 - Ⓑ The rattlesnake wants to chase it down.
 - Ⓒ The prey was too fast for the rattlesnake.
 - Ⓓ The poison will work before the prey gets very far.
4. Which is a true statement?
 - Ⓐ If you get a bite from a rattler, you will die.
 - Ⓑ Rattlers are looking for people to bite.
 - Ⓒ Rattlers do no good in the world.
 - Ⓓ People who get bitten often do not die.
5. What did the book compare to the needles doctors use to give shots?
 - Ⓐ venom
 - Ⓑ prey
 - Ⓒ fangs
 - Ⓓ pit vipers
6. What does **cold-blooded** mean?
 - Ⓐ The animal's body temperature is always cold.
 - Ⓑ The animal's body temperature depends on the temperature of the air around it.
 - Ⓒ The animal likes to keep its body where it will be cool.
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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7. Where would you be if you saw a rattlesnake use the side-winding method of movement?
 - Ⓐ mountains
 - Ⓑ forests
 - Ⓒ desert
 - Ⓓ swamps
8. On a cold, cloudy day, where would you be most likely to see a rattler?
 - Ⓐ on a rock
 - Ⓑ under a tree
 - Ⓒ near a river
 - Ⓓ none of the above
9. What does the word **prey** mean?
 - Ⓐ animals eaten by another animal
 - Ⓑ poison that flows out of the fangs
 - Ⓒ a method snakes use to move
 - Ⓓ a type of den a rattlesnake makes
10. Why are baby rattlesnakes more dangerous than adults?
 - Ⓐ They do not have rattles.
 - Ⓑ They cannot sound a warning.
 - Ⓒ They have less control over the amount of venom injected.
 - Ⓓ all the above
11. **Extended Response:** Explain two safety precautions you can take to avoid being bitten by a rattlesnake.
12. **Extended Response:** Why are there fewer rattlesnakes today than when Columbus landed in America?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Rattlers

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
3. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓓ Fact or Opinion
5. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
7. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary somewhat but would include: *don't bother a snake; wear long pants; keep pets on leashes; don't stick your hands under rocks or logs; and if you hear a rattle, look around calmly and back away.*
12. Answers will vary somewhat but would include: *people are afraid of rattlesnakes and have killed many; rattlesnakes were captured, killed and skinned for meat, belts, wallets and purses; rattlers have been run over by cars; and people have destroyed their habitats.*