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

1. What is this book mostly about?
 - Ⓐ how William Shakespeare compares to other writers
 - Ⓑ what the Queen of England thought of William Shakespeare's plays
 - Ⓒ the life and writings of William Shakespeare
 - Ⓓ the history of England during William Shakespeare's life
2. Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
 - Ⓐ People around the world can read Shakespeare's plays in their own language.
 - Ⓑ As time passes, Shakespeare's stories are still just as good.
 - Ⓒ Shakespeare wrote 154 sonnets.
 - Ⓓ Many people visit Shakespeare's grave in Stratford, England.
3. Which of the following events happened last in Shakespeare's life?
 - Ⓐ He moved to London.
 - Ⓑ His twins were born.
 - Ⓒ He was married to Anne Hathaway.
 - Ⓓ He opened the Globe Theatre.
4. Shakespeare's historical plays are mostly about _____.
 - Ⓐ kings of England
 - Ⓑ queens of England
 - Ⓒ princes of England
 - Ⓓ princesses of England
5. *A person who plays a role on stage* is called _____.
 - Ⓐ a director
 - Ⓑ an actor
 - Ⓒ an artist
 - Ⓓ an author

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6. Why did the author write *William Shakespeare*?
 - Ⓐ to inform readers about the style of writing used by William Shakespeare
 - Ⓑ to entertain readers with stories written by William Shakespeare
 - Ⓒ to persuade readers that William Shakespeare should be their favorite writer
 - Ⓓ to inform readers about the life and writings of William Shakespeare
7. Which of the following sentences states a fact?
 - Ⓐ Shakespeare's plays are exciting and fun, and they also touch people.
 - Ⓑ Shakespeare's friends put together a book of his plays after his death.
 - Ⓒ Shakespeare's characters are more interesting than the characters of any other writer.
 - Ⓓ Shakespeare is the best writer of all time.
8. Which of the following events happened first in Shakespeare's life?
 - Ⓐ He started and owned a theater group.
 - Ⓑ He moved to London.
 - Ⓒ His daughter, Susanna, was born.
 - Ⓓ He visited the United States.
9. What is the effect of Shakespeare being a great writer?
 - Ⓐ He was given an award by the Queen of England.
 - Ⓑ People are reading his plays hundreds of years later.
 - Ⓒ His plays are carried in every library in the world.
 - Ⓓ His plays must be taught to students in high school.
10. Which of the following means *past events*?
 - Ⓐ history
 - Ⓑ comedy
 - Ⓒ tragedy
 - Ⓓ science

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11. Extended Response: Why are Shakespeare's plays loved throughout the world?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

William Shakespeare

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include the ideas that Shakespeare's plays are funny and exciting and that many people can connect to the experiences of the characters.