Quick Check

Zoos Through the Ages

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

- 1. What is the main idea of the book Zoos Through the Ages?
 - A Different people like different zoo exhibits.
 - B Zoos always try to please everyone.
 - © People of all ages enjoy zoos.
 - ① Zoos have changed over time.
- 2. When did zoos begin to focus on better care for their animals?
 - A when zoo animals became more difficult to replace
 - B when more than half of zoo animals became endangered
 - (i) when the zoos opened new areas to the public
 - ① all of the above

- 3. What was one characteristic of the animal fights the early Romans watched?
 - (A) Only tigers fought each other.
 - B Rich rulers fought the animals.
 - C Animals often died in the fights.
 - D Everyone thought the fights were cruel.
- **4.** What was one reason private animal collections first became public zoos?
 - (A) Royalty-only rights changed.
 - B The king of France said that animals should be on display for everyone.
 - © French leaders were eager to have the first zoological garden.
 - (D) All of the above

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- **5.** Read this sentence: Zoo animals taken from the wild are kept in captivity. Captivity means ______.
 - A a state of being without freedom
 - B a state of fighting all the time
 - (C) a clean and safe environment
 - an area separate from other animals
- 6. Why are captive-breeding programs of zoo animals important?
 - (A) They allow zoos to control which animals breed.
 - B The programs help increase the chances of survival for threatened species.
 - © Zoos earn money if their programs are successful.
 - ① They make animals available for scientists to study.

- **7.** Why is it important for Species Survival Plans to maintain genetic diversity?
 - (A) Genetic diversity makes animals friendlier.
 - B Genetic diversity makes each animal look different.
 - © Genetic diversity helps animals adapt to changes and be less vulnerable to extinction.
 - ① Genetic diversity makes it easier for scientists to study the animals.
- **8.** Read this sentence: Zoo animals are given stimulation in their environment. What does stimulation mean?
 - (A) a special diet
 - B natural habitats
 - (C) a special massage
 - activities to provide excitement and spark interest

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- **9.** How are modern zoos different from the earliest zoos?
 - A The earliest zoos treated animals more as curiosities than do modern zoos.
 - Modern zoos have more natural habitats for their animals.
 - © Modern zoos act more as conservation centers.
 - ① All of the above
- **10.** Using the chart on page 21, what is the least expensive animal to feed at a zoo?
 - (A) zebra
 - (B) tortoise
 - © tiger
 - ① giraffe
- **11. Extended Response:** What is the most important role of zoos? Why?
- **12. Extended Response:** What might happen if zoos did not have enough money to properly care for their animals? Give three examples.

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

- **1.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- 2. A Sequence Events
- **3.** (C) Main Idea and Details
- **4.** (A) Cause and Effect
- **5.** A Vocabulary
- **6.** (B) Cause and Effect
- 7. (C) Cause and Effect
- **8.** ① Vocabulary
- **9.** ① Compare and Contrast
- **10.** (B) Compare and Contrast
- 11. Answers will vary but should include supporting reasons from the book. Example: The most important role zoos have is to educate the public about wild animals because people might not know how important an animal is in its natural environment.
- 12. Answers will vary but should include examples such as animals would not have natural environments, enough food, or enrichment activities, animals might die, zoos would close, some threatened species might not survive, and so on.