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

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| <p>1. How have the Aborigines been treated unfairly?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ They could not vote before 1967. Ⓑ They did not have the right to own land until 1972. Ⓒ They are still Australia's poorest group of people. Ⓓ All of the above <p>2. Australia was first used by the English for _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ a convict colony Ⓑ farming Ⓒ mining Ⓓ gold <p>3. What is immigration?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ giving rights to native people Ⓑ people moving to a new country Ⓒ keeping loyalty to a mother country Ⓓ a type of government such as democracy | <p>4. How is Australia like the United States?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ the people speak English Ⓑ both countries have states Ⓒ most adults can read in both countries Ⓓ all of the above <p>5. Which area of Australia contains a dry desert?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Western Plateau Ⓑ Central Lowlands Ⓒ Eastern Highlands Ⓓ All of the above <p>6. What is a hemisphere?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ the South or North Pole Ⓑ a type of mountain Ⓒ half the earth Ⓓ an island <p>7. What is unique about Australia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ It is the oldest continent. Ⓑ It is the world's biggest island. Ⓒ It the only country that is also a continent. Ⓓ All of the above |
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8. Why is the Outback's landscape very barren and empty?

- Ⓐ There are mountain ranges.
- Ⓑ There are wild camels living there.
- Ⓒ There are red rocks and golden plains.
- Ⓓ Rain may not fall there for years at a time.

9. What are **nomads**?

- Ⓐ people who move from place to place
- Ⓑ Europeans who settled in Australia
- Ⓒ animals that live in the Outback
- Ⓓ a type of sea creature

10. Why does Australia have such unique animals?

- Ⓐ because it has three regions: plateau, lowlands, and highlands
- Ⓑ because it is so far away from every other continent
- Ⓒ because it is the flattest continent in the world
- Ⓓ all of the above

11. **Extended Response:** When the Dutch first explored Australia, they decided it was worthless. Why is this not true?

12. **Extended Response:** If you went to Australia, what two animals would you like to see? Explain why using details from the text.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Australia

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓑ Vocabulary
4. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓒ Vocabulary
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary somewhat but likely would include the following details: *Australia has unique animals that draw tourists and animal researchers; it has diamonds and natural materials for mining; it has beautiful beaches; it exports meat, wool, and wheat.*
12. Answers will vary but should include details from the text.