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

1. Choose the best main idea for the section titled "Dangers."
 - Ⓐ Climbers face dangers related to weather and altitude on Mount Everest.
 - Ⓑ Huge crevasses are not always clearly visible to climbers.
 - Ⓒ People who climb Mount Everest never get hurt because they prepare for the climb.
 - Ⓓ Breathing in an oxygen-poor environment is the most difficult part of climbing Mount Everest.
2. Sherpas are better able to breathe air with less oxygen, so _____.
 - Ⓐ they don't need extra oxygen to climb Mount Everest
 - Ⓑ they climb Mount Everest during the winter months
 - Ⓒ they guide climbers to find air with more oxygen
 - Ⓓ they outperform most climbers who come to Mount Everest
3. What is a detail that supports the main idea that climbers prepare to climb Mount Everest at base camp?
 - Ⓐ They rest and eat.
 - Ⓑ Base camp has less oxygen than the summit.
 - Ⓒ They buy supplies at the store.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. What does **inhospitable** mean?
 - Ⓐ not able to go to a hospital
 - Ⓑ dangerous, unwelcoming
 - Ⓒ not proud or arrogant
 - Ⓓ easily convinced
5. If something is **strenuous**, it is _____.
 - Ⓐ enjoyable
 - Ⓑ easygoing
 - Ⓒ frustrating
 - Ⓓ exhausting

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6. What likely would have been the result of attempts to climb Mount Everest if there were no Sherpas?
 - Ⓐ People would have gotten to the top quicker.
 - Ⓑ It wouldn't cost as much money to climb Mount Everest.
 - Ⓒ There would have been more people climbing the mountain.
 - Ⓓ There would have been fewer people climbing the mountain.
7. What is a **summit**?
 - Ⓐ a type of rope
 - Ⓑ the top of something
 - Ⓒ a difficult walk up a mountain
 - Ⓓ the valley between two mountains
8. What might prevent a climber from getting to the top of Mount Everest?
 - Ⓐ bad weather
 - Ⓑ hurt muscles
 - Ⓒ lack of oxygen
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. What did Sir Edmund Hillary do to help the people of Nepal after climbing Mount Everest?
 - Ⓐ built hospitals and medical clinics
 - Ⓑ built bridges
 - Ⓒ built schools
 - Ⓓ all of the above
10. Which of the following events happened first on Mount Everest?
 - Ⓐ The youngest climber made it to the summit.
 - Ⓑ Apa Sherpa set a record climbing to the top.
 - Ⓒ George Mallory disappeared on the mountain.
 - Ⓓ Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climbed to the top.

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11. Extended Response: Describe four dangers faced by climbers on Mount Everest.

12. Extended Response: Explain at least two reasons why so many people have wanted to climb Mount Everest even with so many dangers.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Everest: On Top of the World

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓓ Vocabulary
6. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
7. Ⓑ Vocabulary
8. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓓ Sequence Events
10. Ⓒ Sequence Events
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following:
physical preparation and equipment to help with cliffs of ice and rock, deep crevasses, moving slabs of ice and snow, less oxygen in the air, strong sunlight, high winds, and subzero temperatures.
12. Answers will vary somewhat but would likely include the following ideas: *people like adventures, like to test and challenge themselves, want to see the top of the world, and want to develop better climbing skills.*