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

1. Which of the following statements supports the idea that Gloria Estefan was a responsible youngster?
 - Ⓐ She took care of her younger sister while her mother worked.
 - Ⓑ She immigrated to the United States when she was sixteen months old.
 - Ⓒ She overcame her shyness and sang for crowds.
 - Ⓓ She met her future husband at a Cuban wedding.
2. What was similar about Gloria Estefan's father's life while living in Cuba and in the United States?
 - Ⓐ He was a famous musician.
 - Ⓑ He held political office.
 - Ⓒ He spent a lot of time at home.
 - Ⓓ He served in both the Cuban and U.S. armies.
3. What is a **humanitarian**?
 - Ⓐ a person who is forced by a government to live in poverty
 - Ⓑ a person who spends time helping suffering people
 - Ⓒ a person who treats people of other religions unfairly
 - Ⓓ a person who goes to war to fight for just causes
4. How are Gloria Estefan and Dikembe Mutombo alike?
 - Ⓐ They both are involved with the Strong STARTS program.
 - Ⓑ They are both from Cuba.
 - Ⓒ They both used their success to help others.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
5. Which of the following best describes Dikembe Mutombo?
 - Ⓐ business minded
 - Ⓑ selfish
 - Ⓒ goal oriented
 - Ⓓ unsure

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6. Dikembe Mutombo became a professional basketball player and a humanitarian, but he had planned to _____.
 - Ⓐ stay in his country and run for political office
 - Ⓑ stay in the United States and sell real estate
 - Ⓒ become a medical doctor and return to his country
 - Ⓓ become a businessman and earn a lot of money
7. What caused Einstein's colleagues to accept his "unpopular" ideas?
 - Ⓐ He explained his ideas in professional papers.
 - Ⓑ Experiments proved his ideas to be correct.
 - Ⓒ Most common people understood his ideas.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. After the Nazi Party came to power in Germany, Einstein _____.
 - Ⓐ graduated from a top German science university and easily found a job
 - Ⓑ developed the Theory of Relativity while studying at Princeton
 - Ⓒ proved the existence of atoms and molecules
 - Ⓓ took a job at Princeton University in the United States
9. What type of book is *Success Stories*?
 - Ⓐ personal narrative
 - Ⓑ biography
 - Ⓒ science fiction
 - Ⓓ realistic fiction

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10. Why did the author write this book?
 - Ⓐ to describe organizations that help children around the world
 - Ⓑ to explain how to become famous and successful
 - Ⓒ to convince readers to become celebrities
 - Ⓓ to inspire readers to do their best and to help others
11. **Extended Response:** Pick one of the following adjectives and explain how each person profiled in this book exhibits that trait: persistent, talented, or intelligent.
12. **Extended Response:** In your opinion, which of the people in this book has made the most important contribution toward the betterment of humanity? Support your choice with two ideas from the book.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Success Stories

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
10. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
11. Answers will vary but must include ideas taken from the text to support the word chosen, such as talented. For example: *Gloria Estefan is a very talented singer, Dikembe Mutombo is a very talented basketball player, and Albert Einstein was a very talented physicist.*
12. Answers will vary but should include ideas from the book.