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

1. What happened right after Hitler's army invaded Poland and closed all German-controlled borders?
 - Ⓐ The first fifteen children left Prague for Great Britain by airplane.
 - Ⓑ Winton placed ads in newspapers across Great Britain and talked with churches.
 - Ⓒ Winton began planning for an eighth train out of Prague.
 - Ⓓ A train carrying children disappeared, and the children were never seen again.
2. **Concentration camps** are _____.
 - Ⓐ places where people were held against their will
 - Ⓑ places where people were protected from Hitler's rule
 - Ⓒ places that provided food and shelter to those without homes
 - Ⓓ places where families dropped off their children to put them on a train to a safe place
3. Which of the following sentences informs the reader about the main topic of the book?
 - Ⓐ In 2002, Winton was made a knight by Queen Elizabeth II, an award given to people for acts of bravery, service, or success.
 - Ⓑ Since his secret was revealed, Winton has spoken often about his decision to save the Czech children.
 - Ⓒ As many as 5,000 people are now descendants of the 669 children who rode Winton's trains to safety in 1939.
 - Ⓓ Winton organized trains and worked to find homes for hundreds of Jewish children fleeing the Nazis.

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4. Which sentence helps readers know that Nicholas Winton was determined to help children?
 - Ⓐ Winton said, "I only went to Prague because we'd discuss a good deal, if not daily, what was happening in Europe."
 - Ⓑ Winton went into the camps and saw that they were cold, dirty, and jammed with thousands of people.
 - Ⓒ When the governments moved too slowly, sometimes Winton and a small team of helpers created fake permits.
 - Ⓓ At fifty pounds per child, such a fee back then was a small fortune.
5. What was Winton's first step in his plan to help others?
 - Ⓐ He placed ads in newspapers across Great Britain.
 - Ⓑ He set himself up in a hotel in Prague.
 - Ⓒ He returned to England to raise money.
 - Ⓓ He created fake permits.
6. Read this sentence: *The Holocaust is considered one of the most **atrocious** crimes in all of human history.* **Atrocious** means _____.
 - Ⓐ cruel
 - Ⓑ confusing
 - Ⓒ unnoticed
 - Ⓓ forgotten
7. According to this book, which statement about Nicholas Winton is true?
 - Ⓐ Nicholas Winton was never able to meet any of the families of the people he saved.
 - Ⓑ Nicholas Winton kept his story a secret, and it was not uncovered until after he died.
 - Ⓒ Nicholas Winton did not support the war and decided not to fight in World War II because he didn't believe in violence.
 - Ⓓ Nicholas Winton was given many awards for his work saving children from the Holocaust, including recognition from Queen Elizabeth II.

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| <p>8. What was the effect of Winton's wife finding his old briefcase in the attic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Winton began writing letters to the governments of countries around the world, asking them to take the children. Ⓑ Over six hundred children were carried away to safety. Ⓒ A British television show did a program about him and put him in touch with more than two dozen of the children he had rescued. Ⓓ Winton's secret was revealed, and he started writing a book about his experience. | <p>9. What was the author's purpose for writing <i>Escape from the Holocaust</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ to inform readers about World War II and how it devastated the world Ⓑ to inform readers about Czechoslovakia and its important role during World War II Ⓒ to inform readers about Hitler's rise to power and the formation of the Nazi party Ⓓ to inform readers about how hundreds of Czech children were saved from a certain death |
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10. The author most likely includes details about Vera Gissing as a child to help readers _____.

- Ⓐ understand the conditions of many refugee camps
- Ⓑ understand the plight of many Jewish people during this time in history
- Ⓒ draw conclusions about the military struggle during World War II
- Ⓓ understand how Winton was able to save so many children

11. **Extended Response:** Why were Jewish people forced to wear a Star of David on their clothing during World War II?

12. **Extended Response:** How did Winton's war efforts extend beyond the children he saved?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Escape From the Holocaust

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
2. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers should include the following: *Jewish people were forced to wear a Star of David to encourage discrimination against them, and it was also meant to be a badge of shame.*
12. Answers should include the following: *Winton's efforts extend beyond the children he saved because there are now as many as 5,000 people who are descendants of the original 669 children.*