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

1. Why couldn't someone fly to Nome in a plane in 1925 during the disease crisis?
 - Ⓐ There were no pilots.
 - Ⓑ There was no airplane available.
 - Ⓒ The weather was too bad to fly.
 - Ⓓ There were no trained pilots in Alaska.
2. Why do teams start at two-minute intervals at the beginning of the Iditarod race?
 - Ⓐ so officials can keep better track of the teams at the start
 - Ⓑ so teams won't know how other teams are doing
 - Ⓒ to show off all the dogs to all the people watching
 - Ⓓ to prevent teams from running into each other
3. What did the town of Nome need in 1925?
 - Ⓐ food for the people
 - Ⓑ a doctor to do surgery
 - Ⓒ serum for diphtheria
 - Ⓓ all of the above
4. What is **tundra**?
 - Ⓐ a type of racing dog
 - Ⓑ a type of snowstorm
 - Ⓒ land that is always frozen
 - Ⓓ a type of tree that grows in the north
5. Why is Rainy Pass not likely to be rainy during the Iditarod Race?
 - Ⓐ It doesn't rain there.
 - Ⓑ It's winter and it snows.
 - Ⓒ They stop the race if it rains.
 - Ⓓ The mountains are too tall and prevent the rain.

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6. What do mushers do at checkpoints during the race?
 - Ⓐ rest
 - Ⓑ feed their dogs
 - Ⓒ check to see if any dog is too tired to go on
 - Ⓓ all of the above
7. Why do mushers feed their dogs before they feed themselves?
 - Ⓐ They are very concerned about keeping their dogs healthy.
 - Ⓑ They know the whole trip's success depends on the dogs.
 - Ⓒ The dogs cannot take care of themselves.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. What is something that is **mandatory**?
 - Ⓐ something fun to do
 - Ⓑ a way to win a prize
 - Ⓒ a frightening experience
 - Ⓓ something that has to be done
9. Why do mushers put booties on their dogs' feet?
 - Ⓐ The dogs don't like snow on their feet.
 - Ⓑ It keeps dirt from getting into the house.
 - Ⓒ It prevents paws from getting cut on ice and rocks.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. What does **grueling** mean?
 - Ⓐ a pause in race
 - Ⓑ extremely difficult
 - Ⓒ something exciting
 - Ⓓ when someone loses
11. **Extended Response:** Explain three reasons why huskies are well-suited to run the Iditarod race.
12. **Extended Response:** Would you like to race in the Iditarod? Explain why or why not.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Last Great Race

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary somewhat but likely would include three of the following: *they are sturdy, tough, love to pull, have two layers of fur, like to work as a team, and will work hard to please their owner.*
12. Answers will vary.