

Quick Check

Summer Olympic Events

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. The first modern Summer Olympics was held in _____.
 (A) 1994
 (B) 1894
 (C) 1984
 (D) 1848
2. Discus, shot put, and javelin are all _____ events.
 (A) track and field
 (B) water sport
 (C) gymnastics
 (D) fencing
3. Which comes first in celebrating the Summer Olympics?
 (A) lighting the Olympic torch in Greece
 (B) running the pentathlon event in Greece
 (C) lighting the Olympic torch at the opening ceremony
 (D) passing the Olympic torch from runner to runner
4. What is similar about the ancient Olympics and the modern Olympics?
 (A) All the events are similar.
 (B) Baron Pierre de Coubertin created both.
 (C) Both always happen in Greece.
 (D) Both share a similar pentathlon event.
5. What do a backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly stroke have in common?
 (A) They are all types of Olympic dives.
 (B) They can all be used in the freestyle swimming race.
 (C) They can all be used to win any Olympic swimming event.
 (D) They are all used to win points in water polo.

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6. What two things are combined for a diver's score?
 - Ⓐ difficulty and splash size
 - Ⓑ splash size and type of swimsuit worn
 - Ⓒ difficulty and number of pool lengths completed
 - Ⓓ difficulty and type of swim stroke used
7. What is the main purpose of the Olympic Games?
 - Ⓐ to train athletes for careers in professional sports
 - Ⓑ to identify the country with the best athletes in the world
 - Ⓒ to promote understanding and friendship among people of the world
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. *Sarah completed the **marathon** in 5 hours, 42 minutes.* In this sentence, what is a **marathon**?
 - Ⓐ a long running race
 - Ⓑ a type of duel
 - Ⓒ a type of dive
 - Ⓓ none of the above
9. Which gymnastics event is only for women?
 - Ⓐ pommel horse
 - Ⓑ rings
 - Ⓒ uneven bars
 - Ⓓ parallel bars
10. A **pentathlon** has _____ events.
 - Ⓐ 10
 - Ⓑ 5
 - Ⓒ 2
 - Ⓓ 4
11. **Extended Response:** Describe the sequence of events that take place before the actual Summer Olympics begin.
12. **Extended Response:** Why do countries continue to host Summer Olympic Games?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. **(B)** Main Idea and Details
2. **(A)** Classify Information
3. **(A)** Sequence Events
4. **(D)** Compare and Contrast
5. **(B)** Compare and Contrast
6. **(A)** Main Idea and Details
7. **(C)** Main Idea and Details
8. **(A)** Vocabulary
9. **(C)** Classify Information
10. **(B)** Vocabulary
11. Answers should include: *the torch is lit in Greece, then the torch is carried by a series of runners to the host city, then the torch arrives at the stadium on opening day, finally the last runner enters the stadium and lights the Olympic flame.*
12. Answers will vary but should include specific evidence from the book, such as: *the Games help promote understanding and friendship among people of the world, the varied events provide entertainment opportunities for spectators with different preferences in sports, the Games give talented athletes from around the world an opportunity to show off their skills and talents, etc.*