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

1. Why did Cathy carry both the Australian and Aboriginal flags?
 - Ⓐ She liked the colors of both flags.
 - Ⓑ She wanted to show her national pride.
 - Ⓒ She couldn't decide which to carry, so she took both.
 - Ⓓ She wanted to protest the mistreatment of her people.
2. What does **inferior** mean?
 - Ⓐ stronger
 - Ⓑ not as good
 - Ⓒ very quick
 - Ⓓ confused
3. What do the Aborigines believe about their lands?
 - Ⓐ They are sacred.
 - Ⓑ They cannot be owned.
 - Ⓒ They need protection.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Cathy Freeman was the first _____ to win a gold medal in the Olympics.
 - Ⓐ European
 - Ⓑ woman
 - Ⓒ Aborigine
 - Ⓓ sprinter
5. Why was winning the gold medal in the 2000 Olympics special for Cathy?
 - Ⓐ She had been sick all week.
 - Ⓑ She had never won a medal.
 - Ⓒ She won it in her own country.
 - Ⓓ She wasn't expected to win anything.
6. What is an Aborigine?
 - Ⓐ person who invades another country
 - Ⓑ person who has a better way of life than another
 - Ⓒ person who is forced to follow another's religion
 - Ⓓ person descended from the original people of Australia

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7. Why are there so few Aborigine people today?
 - Ⓐ fighting
 - Ⓑ poor living conditions
 - Ⓒ disease brought by Europeans
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. Why is Cathy Freeman important to the Aborigine people?
 - Ⓐ She went to Europe and ran for the Aborigine people.
 - Ⓑ She carried both flags at games where she competed.
 - Ⓒ She represents the courage, determination, and strength of her people.
 - Ⓓ She won many races and gold medals after being born an Aborigine.
9. Why did the British force the Aborigines to live separately when Australia was first settled by Europeans?
 - Ⓐ The British viewed them as savages unworthy of rights.
 - Ⓑ The British didn't have room in their towns for them.
 - Ⓒ The British thought they would be happier away from them.
 - Ⓓ The British wanted to destroy their language.
10. What is a **contender**?
 - Ⓐ someone in a competition
 - Ⓑ someone who wins an event
 - Ⓒ someone who unexpectedly fails
 - Ⓓ someone who is unable to participate
11. **Extended Response:** List three of Cathy Freeman's athletic accomplishments.
12. **Extended Response:** What were three disadvantages of being born an Aborigine in Australia before the reforms in the 1960s?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Cathy Freeman

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓑ Vocabulary
3. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
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5. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓓ Vocabulary
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9. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓐ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include three of the following: *gold medals at the 1990 and 1994 Commonwealth Games, voted Young Australian of the Year, named Aboriginal Athlete of the Year, winner of titles at the World Championships in 1998 and 1999, silver medal in the 1996 Olympics, and gold medal in the 2000 Olympics in her own country.*
12. Answers will vary but should include the following: *they were unable to vote, forced to live away from their lands on reservations, worked for little or no pay, died from diseases brought by Europeans, weren't allowed to live where they wanted or marry who they wanted, couldn't live according to their customs, and had no say in the Australian government.*