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

1. Which of the following is not a characteristic of an ostrich?
 - Ⓐ high flyer
 - Ⓑ tiny brain
 - Ⓒ fast runner
 - Ⓓ large eyes
2. Ants communicate by _____.
 - Ⓐ chirping like birds
 - Ⓑ crawling over each other
 - Ⓒ sending special smells
 - Ⓓ using their antennae
3. A bird that can swim and walk but can't fly is the _____.
 - Ⓐ an eagle
 - Ⓑ a penguin
 - Ⓒ a flamingo
 - Ⓓ a hummingbird
4. What does **extreme** mean?
 - Ⓐ not ordinary
 - Ⓑ loudest
 - Ⓒ common
 - Ⓓ most dangerous
5. Which statement about a blue whale is not true?
 - Ⓐ Its cry is as loud as a rocket.
 - Ⓑ Its tongue is as big as a small car.
 - Ⓒ On land, its weight would crush it.
 - Ⓓ It's the largest mammal on Earth.
6. Why does a howler monkey howl?
 - Ⓐ to scare enemies
 - Ⓑ for lung exercise
 - Ⓒ just to be mean
 - Ⓓ to claim its territory
7. Which of the following lists animals from slowest to fastest.
 - Ⓐ snail, tortoise, cheetah, ostrich
 - Ⓑ mayfly, cheetah, snail, falcon
 - Ⓒ hippo, snail, cheetah, falcon
 - Ⓓ tortoise, hippo, cheetah, falcon

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8. What do a Galapagos Island tortoise and a mayfly share?
- Ⓐ Both live an extremely long time.
 - Ⓑ Both move extremely slowly.
 - Ⓒ Both live extreme lifetimes.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
9. The camel's ability to cool air as it breathes in helps it live _____.
- Ⓐ in the forest
 - Ⓑ in the desert
 - Ⓒ on the beach
 - Ⓓ on the high hills
10. What enables an eagle to fly high?
- Ⓐ large wings
 - Ⓑ heavy feathers
 - Ⓒ hollow bones
 - Ⓓ large hooked beak

11. Extended Response: What do you think the author's purpose was for writing this book? What do you think she wanted you to learn?

12. Extended Response: Choose one of the animals in this book and discuss how its special characteristics help it in its environment.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Extreme Animals

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Classify Information*
8. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary. Example:
The author's purpose was to inform, and she wanted readers to learn interesting facts about some extreme animals.
12. Answers will vary, but should include one animal from the book, the animal's characteristics, and valid examples.