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

1. The treasure aboard the *San José* was intended to _____.
 - Ⓐ be a gift from Spain to Great Britain
 - Ⓑ finance the repair of boats for the Spanish navy
 - Ⓒ pay for the building of an even bigger and more elaborate boat
 - Ⓓ fund Spain's war against Great Britain
2. If a ship runs **aground**, it _____.
 - Ⓐ hits another boat
 - Ⓑ hits land or the bottom of a body of water
 - Ⓒ hits an iceberg
 - Ⓓ is overcome by a large wave
3. Why did the people on shore not rescue the sailors from the HMS *Victory* even though they heard the cannons fired as a signal for help?
 - Ⓐ The fog was too dense for them to see the location of the ship.
 - Ⓑ The seas were far too dangerous for any attempt to rescue.
 - Ⓒ The ship contained Spanish soldiers, and the people on shore were from Great Britain.
 - Ⓓ Most people ashore believed the sound of the cannons was thunder and not a cry for help.

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4. What can you conclude about the sinking of the *SS Valencia*?
 - Ⓐ The captain was irresponsible and could have prevented the wreck.
 - Ⓑ If people had known that the ship had hit land, they could have walked to shore and been saved.
 - Ⓒ Since one of the lifeboats was found years later, more people survived than was originally thought.
 - Ⓓ Due to the pounding waves and powerful seas, it was impossible to rescue people from the ship.
5. Which of the following is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Modern equipment makes shipping safer than ever, but dozens of shipwrecks still claim lives every year.
 - Ⓑ Treasure hunters search for other wrecks because of riches rumored to have sunk with them.
 - Ⓒ Every shipwreck leaves behind mysteries.
 - Ⓓ Some of the shipwreck mysteries can be explored and explained.
6. Which of the following was a possible cause for the sinking of the *USS Cyclops*?
 - Ⓐ The ship may have hit an iceberg that created a hole and caused it to sink.
 - Ⓑ It hit the shore, causing it to capsize.
 - Ⓒ The engine was not working properly, and it was carrying a heavy load.
 - Ⓓ It was attacked by a sea monster.

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7. After reading the section "The Long Hunt for HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*," what can you conclude about the men on the expedition?
 - (A) They were courageous and determined.
 - (B) They were not well trained for the expedition.
 - (C) They were too lazy to remove their ships from the ice.
 - (D) They were too stubborn to ask the local Inuit people for help.
8. **Salvage** refers to _____.
 - (A) the process of searching for a shipwreck
 - (B) the people who search for lost treasure in shipwrecks
 - (C) property that is saved from shipwrecks
 - (D) the new technology that makes it easier to locate sunken boats
9. What happened after the men of the Franklin Expedition waited two years for their ship to be freed from the ice?
 - (A) The men started hiking to the Canadian mainland.
 - (B) The men started shooting cannons to attract attention.
 - (C) The men took the lifeboat and headed out to sea to look for another ship.
 - (D) The men gave up and died on the ship.
10. What is a rogue wave?
 - (A) It is a wave far out at sea that comes out of nowhere.
 - (B) It is a huge wave that is created when a major storm is approaching.
 - (C) It is a wave that crashes a ship onto land.
 - (D) It is a wave that stays underwater and cannot be seen by the people aboard the ship.
11. **Extended Response:** What causes the clues of a ship's fate to often remain hidden for years and sometimes forever?

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12. Extended Response: Why is the shipwreck discovered near the Greek Island of Antikythera so unique and fascinating?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
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5. Ⓒ *Fact and Opinion*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary, but students should note much of the information surrounding shipwrecks remains a mystery because it can be extremely difficult to locate the ships at the bottom of an ocean or lake. Additionally, even if a ship is found, there still may not be clear evidence as to the cause of the wreck.
12. Answers should include the fact that the ship found near Antikythera was over two thousand years old and contained many ancient pieces of art and luxury goods. Additionally, the ship contained what scientists call the "world's first computer."