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

1. Soccer is called _____ because it is so popular around the world.
 - Ⓐ "the people's game"
 - Ⓑ "the best game"
 - Ⓒ "everybody's game"
 - Ⓓ "the world game"
2. How are Pele and Ronaldo alike?
 - Ⓐ Pele is faster than Ronaldo
 - Ⓑ Ronaldo and Pele are both great players from Brazil.
 - Ⓒ Ronaldo and Pele both played for the U.S. team
 - Ⓓ Pele and Ronaldo are both goalies
3. Why do some fans wear crazy hats and paint their faces for soccer games?
 - Ⓐ for fun
 - Ⓑ to support their team
 - Ⓒ to let other people know which team they like
 - Ⓓ all of the above
4. If something happens **accidentally**, it _____.
 - Ⓐ is a mistake
 - Ⓑ is planned out
 - Ⓒ is done to hurt someone else
 - Ⓓ helps someone
5. How is the World Cup team from the United States different from the team from Brazil?
 - Ⓐ The U.S. team has more famous players than Brazil's team.
 - Ⓑ The U.S. team has been playing longer than Brazil's team.
 - Ⓒ The Brazilian team has won more soccer World Cups than the U.S. team.
 - Ⓓ Brazil's team plays with one more player than the U.S. team.

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6. What happens when a game is still tied after overtime?
 - Ⓐ The team that kicks the next goal wins.
 - Ⓑ The team of the player that kicks the ball the farthest wins.
 - Ⓒ The teams have a penalty shootout to decide the winner.
 - Ⓓ The referees vote on which team should win.
7. Read this example sentence: *The U.S. team had one of the greatest **upsets** ever.* What are **upsets**?
 - Ⓐ times when teams are angry
 - Ⓑ times when teams are unhappy
 - Ⓒ times when a team wins a game with a lot of points
 - Ⓓ times when a team unexpectedly beats another team
8. What is important about the section titled "Africa Makes History"?
 - Ⓐ The best players in 2010 were from Africa.
 - Ⓑ Africa was chosen to host the World Cup for the first time in 2010.
 - Ⓒ Africa has the most soccer players in the world.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Why do people think Zinedine Zidane is one of the greatest soccer players ever?
 - Ⓐ Zinedine won more games than anyone.
 - Ⓑ Zinedine scored goals in two World Cup soccer championships.
 - Ⓒ Zinedine scored the most points ever in a soccer game.
 - Ⓓ Zinedine is a player from France.

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10. The goalkeeper on a soccer team _____.
- Ⓐ often wears a jersey with number one on it
 - Ⓑ tries to keep the other team from scoring goals
 - Ⓒ is one of eleven players on a soccer team
 - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Do you think soccer is an important sport to nations around the world?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

World Cup Soccer

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary.