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

1. *Awesome Ants* is mostly about _____.
 - Ⓐ the importance of the queen ant and her role in the colony
 - Ⓑ the process and teamwork used by ants to create impressive colonies
 - Ⓒ the amazing lives and capabilities of all kinds of ants
 - Ⓓ the similarities and differences among different kinds of ants
2. What is the first thing that happens to a male flying ant when it lands near a colony?
 - Ⓐ It is carried by soldier ants to the queen.
 - Ⓑ Worker ants rip off its wings.
 - Ⓒ It joins the soldier ants and starts working right away.
 - Ⓓ It is given food and then flies to another colony.
3. *The body parts of an ant near its mouth that are used for grabbing, crushing, and cutting food* are called _____.
 - Ⓐ sensors
 - Ⓑ thoraxes
 - Ⓒ pheromones
 - Ⓓ mandibles
4. In the author's opinion, _____.
 - Ⓐ ants can be dangerous to humans and should be avoided
 - Ⓑ ants are the most interesting insects on the planet
 - Ⓒ ants are fascinating and amazing insects
 - Ⓓ ants are boring and not worth learning about

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5. What is the effect of ants being able to adapt to their environment?
 - Ⓐ There are more ants than any other insect on the planet.
 - Ⓑ They are stronger and more intelligent than other insects.
 - Ⓒ They have been able to survive for millions of years.
 - Ⓓ Ants are becoming larger and more dangerous over time.
6. Which sentence from the book includes an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Ants' bodies have a hard, waterproof covering, which gives them support and protection from the elements as well as predators.
 - Ⓑ Ants' diets vary according to their species.
 - Ⓒ While some types of ants can be trouble for humans, most ants are beneficial and support the environment in many ways.
 - Ⓓ Ants' abilities are inspiring, and learning about them highlights how awesome they are.
7. What is the main idea of the section titled "One Big, Happy Family"?
 - Ⓐ Ants are social insects that work together as a group.
 - Ⓑ Worker ants and soldier ants find food and protect the nest.
 - Ⓒ Some ants build their colonies in wood, and others build them underground.
 - Ⓓ Ants don't have lungs, so they breathe through small holes in their bodies.
8. How is the queen ant different from all other ants?
 - Ⓐ The queen is the only ant with wings.
 - Ⓑ The queen is the only female ant.
 - Ⓒ The queen controls all of the activity in the nest.
 - Ⓓ The queen is the only ant that can lay eggs.

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9. *The things found on the head of ants that help them touch and smell* are called _____.

- Ⓐ antennae
- Ⓑ sensors
- Ⓒ compound eyes
- Ⓓ joints

10. The main way ants communicate is through _____.

- Ⓐ talking
- Ⓑ smell
- Ⓒ sound
- Ⓓ touch

11. **Extended Response:** Why did the author title this book *Awesome Ants*? How do you know? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Awesome Ants

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Main Ideas and Details*
11. Answers will vary, but students should include facts from the text, such as: *ants can carry up to twenty times their body weight, they communicate mostly through smell, and they can create bridges with their bodies to cross over water.*