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

1. What is one effect of Roosevelt becoming President?
 - Ⓐ Panamanian revolutionaries overthrew the Colombian government.
 - Ⓑ Many people traveled west to discover gold.
 - Ⓒ A railroad linked the East and West Coasts.
 - Ⓓ De Lesseps left Central America disgraced.
2. What does the word **ingenuity** mean in the book?
 - Ⓐ confidence or enthusiasm of an individual or a group
 - Ⓑ a narrow strip of land connecting two larger landmasses
 - Ⓒ cleverness or skill in solving a problem or challenge
 - Ⓓ of or relating to the sea
3. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to inform the reader about the history of South and Central America
 - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the history and influence of the Panama Canal
 - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to take a vacation to the Panama Canal
 - Ⓓ to persuade the reader that the building of the Panama Canal was a bad idea
4. In what year did Stevens resign from the canal project?
 - Ⓐ 1905
 - Ⓑ 1914
 - Ⓒ 1907
 - Ⓓ 1903

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5. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ The United States gains new commerce from the Panama Canal.
 - Ⓑ The Panama Canal inspires many engineering feats.
 - Ⓒ President Roosevelt launched the United States into the global market.
 - Ⓓ The Panama Canal is a modern marvel of engineering.
6. What caused Roosevelt to ask for Gorgas's help on the canal project?
 - Ⓐ the need to stop the spread of mosquito-borne diseases
 - Ⓑ the need to help boost workers' morale
 - Ⓒ the need to figure out how to dig to sea level
 - Ⓓ the need to build a railroad across Panama
7. The buying and selling of goods is called _____.
 - Ⓐ engineering
 - Ⓑ commerce
 - Ⓒ refurbishing
 - Ⓓ locks
8. What is the main similarity between Gorgas and Stevens?
 - Ⓐ Both created the lock system for the canal.
 - Ⓑ Both discovered new ways to solve difficult problems.
 - Ⓒ Both helped Panamanian revolutionaries.
 - Ⓓ Both quit their assignments.
9. Why did John Stevens use locks on the Panama Canal?
 - Ⓐ to save money for the project
 - Ⓑ to compromise with the people of Panama
 - Ⓒ to finish the canal with fewer workers
 - Ⓓ to solve the problems of building along mountains

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10. What conclusion can you draw from the section titled "The Americans Take Over"?

- Ⓐ John Stevens helped save the canal project.
- Ⓑ The Panama Canal still functions today.
- Ⓒ President Roosevelt was determined to build a Central American Canal.
- Ⓓ The Panama Canal is a modern marvel.

11. Extended Response: Why is the Panama Canal considered one of the wonders of the modern world? What details from the book support this idea?

12. Extended Response: What does the author mostly want you to know about the Panama Canal?

Quick Check Answer Sheet**The Panama Canal***Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect*

1. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary but should begin by explaining that the engineering and manpower behind building the Panama Canal was unprecedented at the time, owing to its size and complexity. Students should reference details from the text that support this fact, including the development of new technology to create the lock system.
12. Answers will vary but should express that the author wants readers to know how difficult the Panama Canal was to build and how it is, therefore, an engineering feat for its time. Students should include details about France's attempt to build a canal, the difficulty Roosevelt had to approve the site, and hardships that workers faced: mosquito-borne illness, weather conditions, excavation, and so on. Students should also note the innovative lock system.