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

1. What new experience did the narrator have during this story?
 - Ⓐ seeing the ocean
 - Ⓑ riding a train
 - Ⓒ helping horseshoe crabs
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. When the narrator first arrived at the beach town, there weren't many people who were _____.
 - Ⓐ walking around
 - Ⓑ riding bicycles
 - Ⓒ driving cars
 - Ⓓ relaxing
3. What did Gram want the narrator to do before going to the beach alone?
 - Ⓐ learn how to be safe at the beach
 - Ⓑ pick out a bedroom
 - Ⓒ eat dinner
 - Ⓓ get some beach gear
4. The townspeople built jetties because _____.
 - Ⓐ they didn't want the ocean to flood their town
 - Ⓑ they wanted to walk on them
 - Ⓒ they wanted to prevent the beach from eroding
 - Ⓓ they wanted to attract more tourists
5. How did the narrator feel when seeing the horseshoe crabs for the first time?
 - Ⓐ surprised
 - Ⓑ worried
 - Ⓒ uninterested
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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6. Why do horseshoe crabs burrow into the sand?
 - Ⓐ to hide
 - Ⓑ to sleep
 - Ⓒ to stay cool
 - Ⓓ to find food
7. When an animal sheds its skin or fur, we say it _____.
 - Ⓐ rows
 - Ⓑ molts
 - Ⓒ burrows
 - Ⓓ erodes
8. Which of the following is a fact about horseshoe crabs?
 - Ⓐ Horseshoe crabs eat algae, clams, and worms.
 - Ⓑ Female horseshoe crabs lay only a few eggs each season.
 - Ⓒ Horseshoe crabs do not burrow under the sand.
 - Ⓓ Scientists just discovered horseshoe crabs.
9. Which of the following is an opinion about horseshoe crabs?
 - Ⓐ Molting happens because the crab is growing larger.
 - Ⓑ Most people call limuli, horseshoe crabs.
 - Ⓒ The horseshoe crab's tail is most important to its survival.
 - Ⓓ Horseshoe crabs have been on the Earth for a very long time.
10. A **current** is _____.
 - Ⓐ a small animal that lives only in salt water
 - Ⓑ a flow of water moving in one direction
 - Ⓒ a wave of high water
 - Ⓓ a strong storm
11. **Extended Response:** What might have happened if the narrator hadn't followed the Gram's rules about the sea?
12. **Extended Response:** What was the author's purpose for writing this story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Horseshoes Aren't Just for Good Luck

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
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3. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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7. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
9. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include logical outcomes.
Sample: *The narrator might have gone into the ocean and drowned.*
12. Answers will vary but should include the idea that the author wrote an entertaining story while also teaching readers about horseshoe crabs.