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

1. The *Deepwater Horizon* accident resulted in _____.
 - (A) the deaths of eleven workers
 - (B) the sinking of a fireboat
 - (C) the release of a cloud of chlorine gas
 - (D) all of the above
2. What are three ways to clean up oil spilled in the water?
 - (A) burning, skimming, and containment
 - (B) scooping, looping, and tubing
 - (C) soaking, booming, and painting
 - (D) chemicals, microbes, and sanding
3. Why did officials work so hard to try to stop the oil well leak?
 - (A) The oil spill was a threat to the environment.
 - (B) The oil spill was a threat to the jobs of people who live along the coast.
 - (C) The oil spill was a threat to the wildlife in and near the ocean.
 - (D) All of the above
4. How did the relief well help stop the flow of oil from the original well?
 - (A) It created a way to bring all the oil from the well to the surface.
 - (B) It was used to put mud and cement in to seal the original well.
 - (C) It allowed the original safety valve to close.
 - (D) It was used to put a cap on top of the original well.
5. Read this sentence: *Beaches and wetlands can become **contaminated** with oil that reaches the shore.* What does **contaminated** mean?
 - (A) changed in color
 - (B) too cold for swimming
 - (C) covered with harmful substances
 - (D) crowded with birds

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6. Besides wildlife, what else has been affected by oil spills?
 - Ⓐ fishing and shrimping
 - Ⓑ tourism
 - Ⓒ people's jobs
 - Ⓓ all of the above
7. Why was the destruction of the *Deepwater Horizon* a big problem?
 - Ⓐ Ships had difficulty navigating around the wreckage.
 - Ⓑ Safety valves were very expensive to replace.
 - Ⓒ The well was leaking huge amounts of oil.
 - Ⓓ Delaware was threatened by the oil spill.
8. What are some risks that workers on oil rigs face?
 - Ⓐ fires
 - Ⓑ storms and hurricanes
 - Ⓒ mechanical problems
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. Why is the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill remembered?
 - Ⓐ The *Exxon Valdez* spill damaged the unspoiled coast of Alaska.
 - Ⓑ The *Exxon Valdez* spill killed hundreds of thousands of animals.
 - Ⓒ The effects of the *Exxon Valdez* spill were felt for many years.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. What can we learn from accidents like the Gulf Coast oil spill?
 - Ⓐ Drilling for oil in the ocean is risky.
 - Ⓑ Oil spills are not always easy to stop.
 - Ⓒ Oil spills can cause many problems.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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11. Extended Response: What possible effect of the Gulf Coast oil spill are you most concerned about? Why?

12. Extended Response: Should we continue to drill for oil under the ocean and ship it on oil tankers? Why or why not? Give at least two reasons.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Deep Trouble: The Gulf Coast Oil Spill*Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect*

1. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should address a valid possible effect of the oil spill.
12. Answers will vary but should include at least two valid supporting reasons.