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

1. What was the author's main purpose in writing *To Drill or Not to Drill*?
 - Ⓐ to entertain
 - Ⓑ to persuade and entertain
 - Ⓒ to inform and persuade
 - Ⓓ none of the above
2. What are **imports**?
 - Ⓐ people who study Earth's origin
 - Ⓑ goods brought in from another country or state
 - Ⓒ the disorganized spread of development into an area
 - Ⓓ a cold, treeless Arctic region
3. Which of the following sentences shows that the author tried to persuade readers?
 - Ⓐ You can help decide the future of ANWR.
 - Ⓑ Drilling in ANWR is against the law.
 - Ⓒ ANWR is nearly 20 million acres.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Which word means *freedom from the control, influence, support, or help of others*?
 - Ⓐ interdependence
 - Ⓑ endangered
 - Ⓒ independence
 - Ⓓ preserve
5. Which of the following sentences shows that the author informed readers?
 - Ⓐ They estimated that the area holds about 10.4 billion barrels of oil.
 - Ⓑ Thanks to new science, the drilling "footprint" in ANWR would be smaller.
 - Ⓒ In 1973, some countries chose not to sell oil to the United States.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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6. Which statement is an opinion?

- Ⓐ By one estimate, the government would make close to \$200 billion.
- Ⓑ If drilling in ANWR can't make the United States energy independent, then the environmental damage is not worth it.
- Ⓒ A thousand square miles of tundra now contain 1,500 miles of roads and pipelines, 1,400 working wells, and three airports.
- Ⓓ The supply of oil—foreign or American—will end.

7. How are Prudhoe Bay and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) different?

- Ⓐ Prudhoe Bay is a source of oil.
- Ⓑ Drilling in Prudhoe Bay is not against the law.
- Ⓒ Prudhoe Bay is located in northern Alaska.
- Ⓓ All of the above

8. Read the following sentence:

Even if Congress allowed drilling in ANWR, only 2,000 surface acres of the 1.5 million-acre coastal plain could be touched.

Does this sentence inform, persuade, or entertain readers?

- Ⓐ inform
- Ⓑ persuade
- Ⓒ inform and persuade
- Ⓓ entertain

9. Which of the following led to the 1973 energy crisis?

- Ⓐ Americans paid prices for oil that they'd thought impossible just a year before.
- Ⓑ Drivers waited in long lines at gas stations.
- Ⓒ A group of countries agreed to stop selling oil to the United States for six months.
- Ⓓ Fuel-efficient cars were produced.

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10. *Destroy* is to *devastate* as
preserve is to _____.

- Ⓐ *protect*
- Ⓑ *give*
- Ⓒ *ruin*
- Ⓓ *provide*

11. **Extended Response:** List two pros and two cons about drilling for oil in ANWR.

12. **Extended Response:** Besides money, what might some argue are the costs of the consumption of massive amounts of oil in America?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
2. Ⓑ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
4. Ⓒ Vocabulary
5. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
6. Ⓑ Fact or Opinion
7. Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
8. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
9. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓐ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include two examples of the pros and two examples of the cons for drilling in ANWR. For example: *Pros: Development of oil and natural gas in ANWR would make billions of dollars for the U.S. government; drilling would create as many as 65,000 jobs; ANWR is a chance for greater independence from Middle Eastern countries; and so on. Cons: The United States can't drill its way to energy independence with ANWR, ANWR's oil would save Americans less than four cents per gallon, oil spills are a possibility; sprawl, the oil is spread across the coastal plain in more than thirty spots, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary but should include some of the following: *air pollution, water pollution, climate change, dependency on other countries to supply our oil, depleting the world's supply of oil, loss of beauty of the land where drilling takes place, loss of wildlife habitat, oil spills that hurt ocean life, sprawl; drilling creates a "footprint," foreign oil can be stopped on its way to the United States.*