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

1. The author's purpose for writing this book is to _____.
 - Ⓐ entertain
 - Ⓑ explain a process
 - Ⓒ inform
 - Ⓓ persuade
2. When did Barack begin to better understand how his background affected him?
 - Ⓐ in high school
 - Ⓑ during college in California
 - Ⓒ after his father visited Hawaii
 - Ⓓ after reading about Martin Luther King, Jr.
3. The changing cultures and communities of Barack's early childhood left him feeling _____.
 - Ⓐ angry and mean
 - Ⓑ frightened for his life
 - Ⓒ unsure of his place in the world
 - Ⓓ shy and reluctant to make friends
4. Barack's decision to enter law school was made _____.
 - Ⓐ because he knew lawyers were important
 - Ⓑ when he realized he wanted to make lasting changes
 - Ⓒ after he became unhappy working with poor people
 - Ⓓ so he could become rich and famous
5. Barack entered government service because _____.
 - Ⓐ he realized that faster change required changing laws
 - Ⓑ his law firm wasn't exciting enough
 - Ⓒ Michelle asked him to do it
 - Ⓓ he didn't enjoy being a lawyer

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6. Which of the following events caused many people to think Barack might be a good candidate for president?
 - Ⓐ He was always helping poor people.
 - Ⓑ He made a hopeful speech to the Democratic Party.
 - Ⓒ He wrote a book about his life.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. What happened to Barack after he finished law school?
 - Ⓐ He married a lawyer named Michelle Robinson.
 - Ⓑ He started a tutoring program to help young people.
 - Ⓒ He moved to Florida.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. How was Barack's life the same as many other kids'?
 - Ⓐ He was teased in his youth.
 - Ⓑ He had grandparents who were proud of him.
 - Ⓒ He was inspired by people who were important to him.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Read this sentence: *Barack's mother taught Barack about **ethnicity**.* What is **ethnicity**?
 - Ⓐ a shared set of traits, including race, religion, language, and culture
 - Ⓑ the practice of being fair and honorable
 - Ⓒ the way in which Barack's Kenyan father was raised as a child
 - Ⓓ a smaller group within a large city
10. Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Barack wanted to involve people in creating better lives for themselves.
 - Ⓑ Barack ran for the United States Senate in 2004.
 - Ⓒ Barack had to be convinced that being president was the best thing for himself and his family.
 - Ⓓ It is important to learn about Barack Obama.

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11. Extended Response: Explain how experiences in Barack Obama's life gave him passion to help others improve their lives.

12. Extended Response: Why might Barack Obama think it was dangerous for him to run for U.S. president?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Barack Obama

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
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7. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *Barack's being teased, his feeling like an outsider, his unstable early life, his learning about his heritage, his reading about inspiring leaders, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary, but might include the following: *dangers such as assassination or terrorism.*