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

1. According to Desmond, a cheeseburger is a poor substitute for _____.
 (A) a smile
 (B) a patty
 (C) a friend
 (D) a banana
2. How does Desmond's mom try to make their new home seem like their old home?
 (A) furniture from Jamaica in all the rooms
 (B) native paintings on the walls
 (C) colorful rugs on the floor
 (D) all of the above
3. What does **incessantly** mean?
 (A) wondering
 (B) never ending
 (C) making large piles
 (D) being uncomfortable
4. From whose point of view is this story written?
 (A) Desmond's mother
 (B) Mr. Tidewell
 (C) a narrator
 (D) Desmond
5. What was Mr. Tidewell trying to do by having Desmond explain about Jamaica to the class?
 (A) embarrass Desmond
 (B) entice students to visit Jamaica
 (C) help the students to understand Desmond better
 (D) all of the above
6. Why did Desmond want his friends in Jamaica to stick their hands in the freezer?
 (A) to feel what it was like where he lives
 (B) to make their hands stop burning
 (C) to grab some ice cream
 (D) all of the above

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7. How did Desmond feel when he thought of his friends at home?
 - Ⓐ angry
 - Ⓑ elated
 - Ⓒ puzzled
 - Ⓓ miserable
8. What is the biggest difference between Desmond's new school and the schools in Jamaica?
 - Ⓐ Teachers are nicer in Jamaican schools.
 - Ⓑ Students all play soccer in Jamaican schools.
 - Ⓒ Students wear uniforms in Jamaican schools.
 - Ⓓ Teachers don't give homework in Jamaican schools.
9. If you have a **quirk**, what is it?
 - Ⓐ an animal from Jamaica
 - Ⓑ a personality trait
 - Ⓒ a type of ball
 - Ⓓ an accent
10. What struggle did Desmond, his mom, and his Dad all have to deal with?
 - Ⓐ speaking English
 - Ⓑ not knowing their way around the city
 - Ⓒ adjusting to new situations in the United States
 - Ⓓ knowing how to play the games at recess
11. **Extended Response:** Explain how things changed for Desmond during lunch. Include how he felt at the beginning and end of lunch.
12. **Extended Response:** How can a life change make you feel awkward or uncomfortable?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Leaving Home

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓑ Analyze Character
2. Ⓓ Analyze Character
3. Ⓑ Vocabulary
4. Ⓓ Author's Point of View
5. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓓ Analyze Character
8. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓑ Vocabulary
10. Ⓒ Analyze Character
11. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas:
Desmond started lunch on the first day by himself feeling sad and lonely, but then Lori and Matt came up to him and asked him if he could teach them to play cricket and about why he moved to Chicago. By the end of lunch, he had two new friends and clearly felt much happier.
12. Answers will vary.