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

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| <p>1. <i>Objects made or used by humans long ago</i> are called _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ hulls Ⓑ artifacts Ⓒ shipwrecks Ⓓ fleets <p>2. Which of the following is an opinion?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Modern equipment makes shipping safer than ever, but dozens of shipwrecks still claim lives every year. Ⓑ Treasure hunters search for riches said to have sunk with other wrecks. Ⓒ Shipwrecks are fascinating and some of the most interesting mysteries. Ⓓ Some of the shipwreck mysteries can be explored and explained. | <p>3. What can you conclude about the sinking of the <i>SS Valencia</i>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The captain was irresponsible and could have prevented the wreck. Ⓑ If people had known that the ship had hit land, they could have walked to shore and been saved. Ⓒ Since one of the lifeboats was found years later, more people survived than was originally thought. Ⓓ Due to the pounding waves and powerful seas, it was impossible to rescue people from the ship. |
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4. Which of the following was a possible cause for the sinking of the *USS Cyclops*?
 - Ⓐ The ship hit an iceberg that created a hole and caused it to sink.
 - Ⓑ It hit the shore, causing it to capsize.
 - Ⓒ The engine was not working properly, and it was carrying a heavy load.
 - Ⓓ It was attacked by a sea monster.
5. What is a rogue wave?
 - Ⓐ It is a wave far out at sea that comes out of nowhere.
 - Ⓑ It is a huge wave that is created when a major storm is approaching.
 - Ⓒ It is a wave that crashes a ship onto land.
 - Ⓓ It is a wave that stays underwater and cannot be seen by the people aboard the ship.
6. What happened after the men of the Franklin Expedition waited two years for their ship to be freed from the ice?
 - Ⓐ The men started hiking to the Canadian mainland.
 - Ⓑ The men started shooting cannons to attract attention.
 - Ⓒ The men took the lifeboat and headed out to sea to look for another ship.
 - Ⓓ The men gave up and died on the ship.
7. How many shipwrecks are estimated to be in the world's oceans?
 - Ⓐ eighty thousand
 - Ⓑ five hundred
 - Ⓒ eight
 - Ⓓ three million

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8. After reading the section "Gone Without a Trace: USS *Cyclops*," readers can conclude that _____.
 - Ⓐ it is unlikely that any pieces of evidence from the wreck will be found
 - Ⓑ all boats that sail through the Bermuda Triangle disappear
 - Ⓒ the captain was not very good at his job and should not have been permitted to run the boat
 - Ⓓ supernatural forces were certainly at play in the ship's disappearance
9. What is the effect of many ships disappearing in the Bermuda Triangle?
 - Ⓐ Ships are no longer permitted to travel through this area.
 - Ⓑ There are rumors about supernatural powers that sink ships.
 - Ⓒ Ships are warned to travel in this area at their own risk.
 - Ⓓ There are security ships in the area to make sure no other ships disappear.
10. When a ship is **capsized**, it is _____.
 - Ⓐ trapped in ice and unable to move
 - Ⓑ attacked by unfriendly people
 - Ⓒ turned upside down in the water
 - Ⓓ caught in a violent storm
11. **Extended Response:** Why is working on a ship one of the world's most dangerous jobs?
12. **Extended Response:** Why are many of the mysteries surrounding shipwrecks never brought to light?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Mysterious Shipwrecks

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓑ Vocabulary
2. Ⓒ Fact and Opinion
3. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓐ Sequence Events
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary, but students should note that, on the basis of the information in the book, working on a ship is dangerous because any number of unexpected events can occur, such a rogue waves, violent storms, unexpected icebergs and reefs, and so on.
12. Answers will vary, but students should note much of the information surrounding shipwrecks remains a mystery because it can be extremely difficult to locate the ships at the bottom of an ocean or lake. Additionally, even if a ship is found, there still may not be clear evidence as to the cause of the wreck.