Quick Check Crocs and Gators

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

- 1. Which statement is a fact?
  - A Crocodilians are the fiercest animals.
  - (B) Caimans are kind and gentle.
  - © Alligators are very slimy animals.
  - Crocodilians use lungs to breathe.
- 2. What might happen if people stop protecting crocodilians?
  - A Nature could get out of balance.
  - (B) Many more crocodilians will be killed.
  - © There will be less crocodilians for scientists to study.
  - ① All of the above
- **3.** How is an alligator different from a gharial?
  - An alligator has a short, broad snout.
  - B An alligator has a long, narrow snout.
  - C An alligator has a short, narrow snout.
  - ① An alligator has a long, broad snout.

- **4.** What does it mean when an animal species is **endangered**?
  - A The species is in danger of losing its home.
  - B The species is frightened of all other animals.
  - © The species is dangerous to all other animals.
  - ① The species is in danger of dying out completely.
- **5.** Why do crocodilians swallow their prey whole or tear it apart?
  - (A) They are fierce fighters.
  - (B) It tastes better that way.
  - ① They cannot chew their food.
  - ① They only eat small animals.
- **6.** Which statement is a fact?
  - (A) It is dangerous to smile at a crocodile.
  - B Crocodiles and alligators are reptiles.
  - © Alligators are more frightening than snakes.
  - ① Crocodilians have nothing in common with dinosaurs.





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- 7. What is the main idea of the book?
  - (A) There are four kinds of crocodilians.
  - (B) Alligators have short, broad snouts.
  - (C) Crocodilians spend time on land and in water.
  - (D) Crocs and gators are alike and different.
- **8.** Which statement is an opinion?
  - (A) Everyone thinks crocodiles are dangerous.
  - (B) Crocodilians have thick, scaly skin.
  - (C) Caimans live in Central and South America.
  - Newly hatched crocodilian babies are mostly helpless.

- 9. Why can a crocodilian open its mouth underwater and not drown?
  - (A) It can stick its nostrils out of the water.
  - (B) It breathes out while underwater.
  - (C) It can shut off its windpipe.
  - (D) None of the above
- **10**. How are crocodiles and caimans alike?
  - (A) the shape of their feet
  - (B) the place where they live
  - (C) the shape of their head
  - ① the food they eat
- 11. Extended Response: Explain what characteristics allow crocodilians to catch their prey.



## LEVEL L

## **Quick Check Answer Sheet**

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Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

- **1.** D Fact or Opinion
- **2.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **3.** (A) Compare and Contrast
- **4.** ① Vocabulary
- **5.** (C) Cause and Effect
- **6.** B Fact or Opinion
- 7. (A) Main Idea and Details
- **8.** (A) Fact or Opinion
- **9.** © Cause and Effect
- **10.** (C) Compare and Contrast
- 11. Possible Answers: ability to look like a log to surprise unsuspecting prey; powerful jaws and sharp teeth; etc.