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

1. All over the world, cities are recognizable by the _____ of the structures that form their unique skylines.
 - Ⓐ design
 - Ⓑ silhouette
 - Ⓒ skeleton
 - Ⓓ colony
2. Which of the following details expresses an opinion?
 - Ⓐ The site of the original World Trade Center towers now contains reflecting pools with cascading waterfalls.
 - Ⓑ The Port Authority unveiled the design for the new World Trade Center complex.
 - Ⓒ A memorial park is an ideal way to commemorate those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.
 - Ⓓ For thirty years, the World Trade Center towers were the tallest buildings in New York.
3. Which event occurred after the building of the Empire State Building?
 - Ⓐ Elisha Otis invented the safety elevator.
 - Ⓑ The construction of skyscrapers slowed down because of a slump in the economy.
 - Ⓒ Freed slaves from the South and immigrants from Europe made their way to New York to find jobs.
 - Ⓓ The plans for the Woolworth Building were finally completed.

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4. Which of the following details supported the main idea of the section "Building an Empire"?
 - Ⓐ The Empire State Building had sixty-four elevators and an observation deck.
 - Ⓑ Steel-frame construction made it possible for buildings to reach new heights.
 - Ⓒ Excavating the ruins of the World Trade Center towers took time, and plans for the site took years to develop.
 - Ⓓ Eventually, there was no more room for the city to expand.
5. In what way have sky lobbies caused an increase in the size of skyscrapers?
 - Ⓐ Sky lobbies make skyscrapers safer, so they can be built taller than ever before.
 - Ⓑ Sky lobbies take up a lot of room, so skyscrapers must be built larger in order to make room for the lobbies.
 - Ⓒ Sky lobbies make it more efficient for people to get around in large buildings, so skyscrapers are increasing in size.
 - Ⓓ People enjoy spending time in sky lobbies, and bigger skyscrapers accommodate these people with more floors.
6. The World Trade Center towers were _____ because they *stood out and were easily seen* in the New York City skyline.
 - Ⓐ inappropriate
 - Ⓑ prominent
 - Ⓒ unique
 - Ⓓ irrelevant

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7. Which event occurred in 1931?
 - Ⓐ The construction of the World Trade Towers was initiated.
 - Ⓑ Elisha Otis finished designing the first safety elevator.
 - Ⓒ The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey was founded.
 - Ⓓ The construction of the Empire State Building was completed.
8. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to inform the reader about the evolution and history of New York City's skyline
 - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the history of skyscrapers in various cities located in the United States
 - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to plan a trip to New York City to visit the the site of the fallen World Trade Center towers
 - Ⓓ to persuade the reader that New York City is too crowded to be an enjoyable place to live
9. A **complex** is _____.
 - Ⓐ a group of people who work together to design and build skyscrapers
 - Ⓑ an arrangement made between the Port Authority and the construction crew
 - Ⓒ a group of buildings constructed close to one another and used for a common purpose
 - Ⓓ a new building method used to create even taller skyscrapers
10. How was the construction of the World Trade Center towers different from the construction of other skyscrapers?
 - Ⓐ The construction of the towers was stopped mid-project because of a lack of funds.
 - Ⓑ The towers were built using a tube-frame construction rather than steel-frame construction.
 - Ⓒ The towers were built using a newly developed material.
 - Ⓓ The towers were built by people from other countries, instead of workers from the United States.

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11. Extended Response: In what ways does New York City's skyline reflect the spirit of a city that continues to adapt and change?

12. Extended Response: Why were new building methods needed when New York City's population exploded in the nineteenth century?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

A New Skyline

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. **(B)** *Vocabulary*
2. **(C)** *Fact or Opinion*
3. **(B)** *Sequence Events*
4. **(A)** *Main Idea and Details*
5. **(C)** *Cause and Effect*
6. **(B)** *Vocabulary*
7. **(D)** *Sequence Events*
8. **(A)** *Author's Purpose*
9. **(C)** *Vocabulary*
10. **(B)** *Compare and Contrast*
11. Students should note that New York City has a rich history of rapid change, which has influenced the skyline. Students should include evidence of New York City's ability to adapt and change with details such as: the creation of new building methods in order to build multistory buildings; the creation of the World Trade Center complex in response to the attacks on September 11, 2001; and so on.
12. Students should note that during the nineteenth century the population of New York City grew tremendously after an influx of immigrants from Europe and freed slaves from the South. Because of the increased population, the area became very crowded, and the only way to accommodate so many people was with multileveled buildings. It was out of necessity that new building methods were established.