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

1. Which is a fact from the section "A Popular Spice"?
 - Ⓐ People who had pepper long ago could sell it for a high price.
 - Ⓑ Pepper can be ground before putting it on food.
 - Ⓒ Pepper needs to be dried out after it is grown.
 - Ⓓ Pepper is cheaper today that it was long ago.
2. What are **spices**?
 - Ⓐ types of pepper
 - Ⓑ a rock found in India
 - Ⓒ plant parts that flavor food
 - Ⓓ different liquids that people drink
3. Peppercorns are _____.
 - Ⓐ red and shiny
 - Ⓑ black and hard
 - Ⓒ green and smooth
 - Ⓓ white and wrinkled
4. Why is pepper grown in India?
 - Ⓐ The weather is hot and wet.
 - Ⓑ That is where it started growing.
 - Ⓒ The people there like it the most.
 - Ⓓ The workers there know how to pick it.
5. To **grind** means _____.
 - Ⓐ to crush something
 - Ⓑ to store something
 - Ⓒ to grow something
 - Ⓓ to build something
6. Why did people decide to use ships to bring pepper to Europe?
 - Ⓐ They had a lot of ships.
 - Ⓑ It would spoil if it were carried over land.
 - Ⓒ It was cheaper and easier to get it there by ship.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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7. *Long ago it was difficult to get pepper* is the main idea from which section of the book?
 - Ⓐ Pepper Today
 - Ⓑ A Popular Spice
 - Ⓒ How Pepper Grows
 - Ⓓ A Long, Expensive Journey
8. If you lived in India long ago, why would it be a good idea to grow pepper?
 - Ⓐ because it didn't take any work to grow
 - Ⓑ because it would taste good on your food
 - Ⓒ because you could sell it for a lot of money
 - Ⓓ because it would help keep you from getting sick
9. Why did the author write this book?
 - Ⓐ to get you to eat more pepper
 - Ⓑ so people would pay more for pepper
 - Ⓒ to get people to want to go see how pepper is grown
 - Ⓓ so people would know more about how pepper is made
10. Why wouldn't it be a good idea to eat a whole peppercorn?
 - Ⓐ It is very hard.
 - Ⓑ It is very hot.
 - Ⓒ It might make you sick.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Why would someone from hundreds of years ago be surprised to see pepper being given away today?

Quick Check Answer Sheet**Pepper: The King of Spices**

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers should include the idea that pepper was rare and expensive long ago and would not have been given away.