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

1. What is a detail that supports the idea that the big show was a success?
 - Ⓐ The acrobats make a bridge of fifteen backs.
 - Ⓑ The performers do tricks with Hula Hoops and poi.
 - Ⓒ The audience claps and claps.
 - Ⓓ Tannikin, the dog, is dressed in sequins.
2. Why did the author write this book?
 - Ⓐ to convince people to join the circus
 - Ⓑ to inform people about circus camp
 - Ⓒ to entertain people with a story about clowns
 - Ⓓ to teach people how to use stilts
3. According to this book, once a silk is locked, it _____.
 - Ⓐ will hold someone safely at any height
 - Ⓑ will hold someone only two feet off the ground
 - Ⓒ will hold someone only by the feet
 - Ⓓ will hold someone to a stilt
4. What event happens last in Taiko class?
 - Ⓐ The students do a drumroll with their fingers.
 - Ⓑ The students bow to their teacher.
 - Ⓒ The students play the drums with wooden sticks.
 - Ⓓ The teacher gives the command "Hai!"
5. Which word means *a short play that is usually funny*?
 - Ⓐ grand finale
 - Ⓑ pose
 - Ⓒ skit
 - Ⓓ unison

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6. What is the main idea of the section "Stilts"?
 - (A) Mikaila feels like a giraffe when she is on stilts.
 - (B) Stilting can be tricky and fun.
 - (C) Birdie outgrew her stilting shoes.
 - (D) Some kids need a stilt partner to steady them.
7. According to the text and photos on aerial silks, what can be said about the skills done on the silks?
 - (A) Kids always make the silks skills look easy to do.
 - (B) Skills on silks are done close to the ground.
 - (C) Learning to hang from the silks is done first.
 - (D) Some skills are trickier to learn than others.
8. For which circus activity would being **steady** be most important?
 - (A) crossing the tightrope
 - (B) walking on the marley
 - (C) playing the taiko drums
 - (D) working on poi skills
9. How do people new to stilting solve the problem of keeping their balance?
 - (A) They start off with shorter stilts.
 - (B) They practice balancing on the balance beam first.
 - (C) They use a tower or a stilt partner.
 - (D) They hold onto the aerial silks.
10. Read the following sentence: *Although I'm shy in real life, my clown shakes every hand she can.* Which of the following tells what this sentence shows?
 - (A) The sentence shows a step in a process.
 - (B) The sentence shows a comparison.
 - (C) The sentence shows a cause and an effect.
 - (D) The sentence shows the main idea of the book.
11. **Extended Response:** How might this book be different if Birdie was writing about her first time at circus camp?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Off to Join the Circus

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw conclusions*
8. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓑ *Compare and contrast*
11. Answers will vary slightly but should include the idea that Birdie would have a different outlook as a beginner and that many of the activities might have been more challenging for her.