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

1. Which of the following is an opinion about New Year celebrations in Finland?
 - Ⓐ People in Finland melt tin to get next year's fortunes.
 - Ⓑ If the tin cools in a heart shape, it means love or marriage.
 - Ⓒ If the tin cools in a circle, it means good luck.
 - Ⓓ Looking at tin for next year's fortunes is the best way to predict the future.
2. What do people think will happen if they clean their home by midnight on New Year's Eve?
 - Ⓐ They will attract good luck by making it feel welcome in their home.
 - Ⓑ They will predict the fortunes they will have in the New Year.
 - Ⓒ They will end the year without any bad luck.
 - Ⓓ They will attract neighbors to come over for a New Year party.
3. How are the Chinese and Jewish New Year celebrations the same?
 - Ⓐ They include eating cake with a special coin baked inside.
 - Ⓑ They include wearing brand-new yellow underwear to bring riches.
 - Ⓒ They are celebrated in late March or mid-April when it's hot outside.
 - Ⓓ They are based on the cycles of the moon and the 365-day calendar.
4. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ January 1 is the first day of the New Year around the world.
 - Ⓑ Everyone around the world should celebrate the New Year.
 - Ⓒ There are many different ways to celebrate the New Year.
 - Ⓓ People should all celebrate the New Year in the same way.

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5. What is a **tradition**?

- Ⓐ set of events that keeps repeating
- Ⓑ belief or custom that is passed down
- Ⓒ decision or promise to do something
- Ⓓ organized series of cultural events

6. People in the Philippines wear clothes with polka dots on New Year's Eve. In which category would this belong?

- Ⓐ ways to get rid of bad luck from last year
- Ⓑ ways to bring good luck in the New Year
- Ⓒ ways to get rid of old laundry from last year
- Ⓓ ways to add clothes to your wardrobe in the New Year

7. Which of the following is a detail that supports the main idea of this book?

- Ⓐ People in Greece bake a cake with a special coin hidden inside.
- Ⓑ Buddha is the title given to the person who started the Buddhist religion.
- Ⓒ It is important to make resolutions at the beginning of each year.
- Ⓓ There are many college football games played in the United States.

8. Which of the following is a similar tradition both in Central and South America and in the Philippines?

- Ⓐ make figures and set them on fire
- Ⓑ watch football games
- Ⓒ eat twelve pieces of fruit
- Ⓓ pour water on statues of Buddha

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9. Why do people in the Philippines open all their windows at midnight?
 - Ⓐ They want to wish their neighbors a happy New Year.
 - Ⓑ They want to cool off their houses.
 - Ⓒ They want to see the fireworks.
 - Ⓓ They want to invite good fortune in.

10. What is another word for **resolution**?
 - Ⓐ promise
 - Ⓑ celebrations
 - Ⓒ traditions
 - Ⓓ customs

11. **Extended Response:** What is a common theme among all of the New Year celebrations discussed in the book?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

New Year Celebrations

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
2. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Classify Information*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary, but should include that all of the celebrations are about saying goodbye to the past and starting the New Year fresh with hope and happiness.