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

1. What caused soldiers to be scared on D-Day?
 - Ⓐ They had to jump into cold water while being shot at.
 - Ⓑ They were not experienced soldiers.
 - Ⓒ Many were already seasick from rough waters.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. According to the map on page 5, what countries remained neutral during the war?
 - Ⓐ Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland
 - Ⓑ Italy, Spain, England, and Bulgaria
 - Ⓒ Poland, Prussia, Austria, and Albania
 - Ⓓ Ireland, Spain, Yugoslavia, and Greece
3. What disadvantage did the invasions of Juno Beach and Gold Beach both share?
 - Ⓐ untrained soldiers
 - Ⓑ leaders who did not know what to do
 - Ⓒ paratroopers who landed in the wrong place
 - Ⓓ bad weather
4. What happened after American troops had to sprint across Omaha Beach?
 - Ⓐ They had to dig trenches for other American forces to lie in to avoid gunfire.
 - Ⓑ They had to engage German soldiers in hand-to-hand combat.
 - Ⓒ They had to scale cliffs while Navy destroyers tried to attack German fortifications.
 - Ⓓ They had to set up camp so they could wait for the following day to attack the beach.

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5. Which word would best replace **mission** in the following sentence? *The **mission** was a success.*
 - Ⓐ assignment
 - Ⓑ church
 - Ⓒ house
 - Ⓓ problem
6. Why did Canadian troops struggle at Juno Beach?
 - Ⓐ Their tanks were released from launch vehicles too soon, and they sank.
 - Ⓑ Strong winds blew them off course.
 - Ⓒ The paratroopers did not distract German troops.
 - Ⓓ Bad weather and rising tides made it hard for them to destroy German mines.
7. What happened after British soldiers and paratroopers linked together at Sword Beach?
 - Ⓐ They overtook small towns to use for unloading supplies.
 - Ⓑ German troops surrendered.
 - Ⓒ German troops launched a counterattack.
 - Ⓓ They got lost and did not meet Canadian and American troops at Caen.
8. The people caught, injured, missing, and killed during a war are _____.
 - Ⓐ paratroopers
 - Ⓑ casualties
 - Ⓒ infantry
 - Ⓓ Allies
9. Which country surrendered first at the end of World War II?
 - Ⓐ America
 - Ⓑ Japan
 - Ⓒ Germany
 - Ⓓ France

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10. Why was D-Day an important invasion for the Allied forces?

- Ⓐ It would win the war.
- Ⓑ It would prove the Allied forces were stronger than the Axis powers.
- Ⓒ It would make the German troops afraid of the Allied forces.
- Ⓓ It would help free France and trap German troops between Allied-occupied countries.

11. Extended Response: What was the biggest problem Allied forces faced during Operation Overload?

12. Extended Response: What effect did the naval aerial attacks have during the invasion of Gold Beach?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

D-Day*Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events*

1. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Text Structure*
3. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓒ *Sequence of Events*
8. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓓ *Main Ideas and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include that troops were untrained; weather made it difficult for many invasions, often blowing them off course; some beaches were surrounded by high cliffs; German defenses were around the beaches; and Allied tanks sank because they were off course.
12. Answers will vary but should include that the situation could have ended in disaster and that the attacks helped lead to British control of the beach by noon and helped capture a fishing village.