Name _____   Date _____

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

1. How does Arthur feel at first about his baby sister?

Ⓐ upset

Ⓑ bored

Ⓒ tired

Ⓓ excited

2. What things does Arthur like about each day?

Ⓐ He gets to eat his favorite cereal.

Ⓑ He gets to stay up and watch TV.

Ⓒ He gets to ride his new bike to school.

Ⓓ None of the above

3. What is one reason why Arthur thinks he will not like his new sister?

Ⓐ because he knows the baby won't like him

Ⓑ because his parents always wanted a girl

Ⓒ because of what happened to his friend Jeff

Ⓓ because of what happened the last time he got a new baby sister

4. What do Arthur and his friend Jeff have in common?

Ⓐ They both wear glasses.

Ⓑ They both like pancakes.

Ⓒ They both have baby sisters.

Ⓓ All of the above

5. What makes Arthur change his mind about his sister?

Ⓐ She cries and kicks.

Ⓑ She smiles at him.

Ⓒ She falls asleep in his lap.

Ⓓ She holds on to his finger.

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6. How does Arthur feel when he holds his sister?

Ⓐ He feels upset that he has to share things with her.

Ⓑ He feels good being a big brother.

Ⓒ He wants his mom to take her back.

Ⓓ He feels sad and unhappy.

7. What does Arthur learn by the end of this story?

Ⓐ Having a new sister is terrible.

Ⓑ His parents have enough love to share with everyone.

Ⓒ He can only count on his friends for help.

Ⓓ Being the focus of attention is no fun.

8. Read this sentence: *Arthur's parents told him some **disturbing** news.* What does **disturbing** mean?

Ⓐ much better than usual

Ⓑ full of joy

Ⓒ bad or troubling

Ⓓ missing

9. What problem does Arthur think he will have with a baby sister?

Ⓐ His parents won't notice him anymore.

Ⓑ The baby will cry a lot.

Ⓒ He won't be able to get a dog.

Ⓓ He will have to share his pancakes with her.

10. What makes Arthur think it will be bad news having a baby sister?

Ⓐ He has seen what happens on TV.

Ⓑ His mom told him what it will be like.

Ⓒ His friend told him what it's like having a sister.

Ⓓ He read about it in a book.

11. Extended Response: What lesson does the author hope the reader learns from the story?

12. Extended Response: What was Arthur's definition of a "perfect life" prior to his sister being born? What might his definition be now?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Arthur's Bad News Day

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. (A) *Analyze Character*

2. (D) *Analyze Character*

3. (C) *Cause and Effect*

4. (C) *Compare and Contrast*

5. (D) *Cause and Effect*

6. (B) *Analyze Character*

7. (B) *Main Idea and Details*

8. (C) *Vocabulary*

9. (A) *Problem and Solution*

10. (C) *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*

11. Answers will vary but should include the idea of having an open mind and learning not to make up your mind about something before it happens.

12. Answers will vary but should include the following idea: *Before his sister was born, Arthur's "perfect life" consisted of activities his parents did only with him. Now, his perfect life involves the opportunity to do activities in his new role as a big brother with a new member of the family.*