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

1. What is the author's purpose?
 - Ⓐ to inform
 - Ⓑ to persuade
 - Ⓒ to explain a process
 - Ⓓ to entertain
2. The author believes that _____.
 - Ⓐ people should adopt animals from shelters
 - Ⓑ all pets should come from pet stores
 - Ⓒ birds make poor pets
 - Ⓓ stray dogs are dangerous
3. One of the author's arguments is that _____.
 - Ⓐ shelter animals are cleaner than other pets
 - Ⓑ puppy mills are legal
 - Ⓒ shelter animals deserve homes more than other pets
 - Ⓓ adopting a shelter animal saves a life
4. Why are animals put in animal shelters?
 - Ⓐ They have been lost.
 - Ⓑ Their owners can no longer care for them.
 - Ⓒ Some people mistreat animals.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
5. The statement *shelter pets are definitely best* is _____.
 - Ⓐ a fact
 - Ⓑ an opinion
 - Ⓒ neither
 - Ⓓ both
6. You know a statement is fact _____.
 - Ⓐ if you agree with it
 - Ⓑ when it sounds like a fact
 - Ⓒ if it can be proved
 - Ⓓ when it's in the newspaper

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7. What are **counselors**?
 - Ⓐ people who give advice
 - Ⓑ school workers
 - Ⓒ shelter owners
 - Ⓓ none of the above
8. *Mixed-breed animals are generally healthier than purebred animals.* This statement is _____.
 - Ⓐ often incorrect
 - Ⓑ a fact
 - Ⓒ an opinion
 - Ⓓ a lie
9. What is the author's opinion of puppy mills?
 - Ⓐ The author believes puppy mills are an excellent source of pets.
 - Ⓑ The author states that animals in puppy mills are often mistreated.
 - Ⓒ The author thinks puppy mill dogs cost too much.
 - Ⓓ The author believes that most puppy mills are legal.
10. What happens to shelter animals that are not adopted?
 - Ⓐ They are sold to pet stores.
 - Ⓑ The shelter owners take them home.
 - Ⓒ They are given a shot that painlessly ends their lives.
 - Ⓓ They are turned loose in the wild.
11. **Extended Response:** Do you agree with the author that people wanting pets should adopt shelter animals? Give at least two reasons why or why not.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Shelter Pets Are Best

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
3. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
6. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
9. Ⓑ *Author's Point of View*
10. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include at least two valid supporting reasons.