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

1. What was another name for the Dust Bowl time period?
 - Ⓐ Stock Market Crash
 - Ⓑ Great Depression
 - Ⓒ Dirty Thirties
 - Ⓓ Sandy Days
2. What happened to the price of wheat because it was needed in Europe during World War I?
 - Ⓐ It went up.
 - Ⓑ It went down.
 - Ⓒ It stayed the same.
 - Ⓓ It kept going up and down.
3. Why did farmers in the Great Plains dump wheat onto the ground and roads?
 - Ⓐ They were angry at the stores that sold it.
 - Ⓑ They didn't like the price they got for it.
 - Ⓒ They wanted new kinds of wheat.
 - Ⓓ They couldn't sell the wheat.
4. What is a **drought**?
 - Ⓐ a time of excessive food
 - Ⓑ a time of very little rain and snow
 - Ⓒ a large storm that causes much damage
 - Ⓓ when a crop is left over after a harvest
5. What did people do during the Dust Bowl to keep dust out of their lungs?
 - Ⓐ stuffed doors with newspapers
 - Ⓑ shoved rags into the cracks around windows
 - Ⓒ went to bed with damp cloths over their mouths and noses
 - Ⓓ all of the above
6. How could a dust storm kill a cow?
 - Ⓐ The cow could get lost.
 - Ⓑ The cow could be so scared it would die.
 - Ⓒ The cow's lungs could get coated with dirt.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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7. Which idea would be a summary statement for the section titled "Living in a Dust Bowl"?
 - Ⓐ During the Dust Bowl, people as far away as New York City saw increased dust.
 - Ⓑ During the Dust Bowl, people had to adapt to living in new, difficult conditions.
 - Ⓒ The farmers from Kansas who moved to California during the Dust Bowl were eager to start new lives.
 - Ⓓ The president of the United States started many new projects that helped the people affected by the Dust Bowl.
8. **Precipitation** is _____.
 - Ⓐ rain or snow
 - Ⓑ a way to measure dust
 - Ⓒ the amount of moisture in soil
 - Ⓓ a type of plant that grows in dry conditions
9. Many farmers leaving the Great Plains during the Dust Bowl moved to California because _____.
 - Ⓐ there were farms there
 - Ⓑ they could live by the ocean
 - Ⓒ they wanted to live in a big city
 - Ⓓ they wanted to live near movie stars
10. What did President Franklin Roosevelt do to help people during the Dust Bowl?
 - Ⓐ He worked with Hugh Bennett to pass the Soil Conservation Act of 1935.
 - Ⓑ He created Drought Relief Service to buy cattle from bankrupt farmers.
 - Ⓒ He created the New Deal to help farmers and others.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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11. Extended Response: Explain how the Shelterbelt Project helped future farmers.

12. Extended Response: If you had been a farmer during the Dust Bowl, would you have supported Roosevelt's programs or not? Explain at least two reasons for your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Dust Bowl Disaster

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓐ Vocabulary
9. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers should include the following idea: *the Shelterbelt Project helped by paying farmers to plant trees along fences, which would block wind from blowing soil away from future farms and causing more dust storms.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *Yes, I would have been happy to have had the New Deal pass because it helped find ways to stop soil from being blown away and helped make payments on loans for farms.*