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

1. The author's purpose for writing this book was to give information about beekeeping. Which of the following is an informative sentence?
 - (A) The main purpose of bees in the United States is to pollinate crops.
 - (B) How many eggs does a queen bee lay?
 - (C) Everyone should have their own honeybee hive.
 - (D) All of the above
2. What do the bees do to make the nectar in the comb thicker?
 - (A) They fan their wings.
 - (B) They keep still.
 - (C) They add more nectar.
 - (D) They leave the hive.
3. What does a bee do after she has eaten the nectar?
 - (A) She dies.
 - (B) She flies back to the hive.
 - (C) She fans it with her wings.
 - (D) She spits it out.
4. To **congregate** means to _____.
 - (A) gather together
 - (B) make honey
 - (C) eat nectar
 - (D) fly away
5. What is the main idea of the section titled "Life in the Hive"?
 - (A) There are different kinds of bees, each with a different role in the hive.
 - (B) Bees congregate outside the hive.
 - (C) Bees don't fly on cloudy days.
 - (D) Queens and worker bees are female.
6. How are regular bees and Africanized bees alike?
 - (A) They come from Africa.
 - (B) They come from South America.
 - (C) They make honey.
 - (D) It is easy to make them angry.

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7. Which of the sentences below states an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Bees make honey from nectar.
 - Ⓑ Orange-blossom honey tastes good.
 - Ⓒ Queen bees can live two to three years.
 - Ⓓ Drone bees are male.
8. Why might "Buzz" be a perfect name for the beekeeper?
 - Ⓐ It is easy to spell.
 - Ⓑ It is the same as the name for the sound a bee makes.
 - Ⓒ All beekeepers are named Buzz.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
9. What happens after a second queen develops in a hive?
 - Ⓐ The two queens share the hive.
 - Ⓑ The old queen tries to kill her.
 - Ⓒ The drones make the new queen leave.
 - Ⓓ The old queen leaves with half the bees.
10. Why do drones and worker bees live for a shorter time in the summer?
 - Ⓐ The heat in summer is hard on them.
 - Ⓑ Their wings wear out from flying so much.
 - Ⓒ They get tired from making so much honey.
 - Ⓓ The queen leaves the hive, so the rest of the bees die.
11. **Extended Response:** What are the dangers involved in beekeeping?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Beekeeper

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers may vary somewhat but should include that getting stung by bees is one of the dangers.