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

1. Why were many athletes hurt or killed in the ancient Games?
  - Ⓐ The athletes were not well trained.
  - Ⓑ The athletes didn't know how to play the games.
  - Ⓒ Some of the events were dangerous.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
2. Why did many of the early Olympic winners become wealthy?
  - Ⓐ The winners won a lot of money.
  - Ⓑ The winners sold their olive wreaths.
  - Ⓒ The winners were rewarded when they returned to their hometowns.
  - Ⓓ The winners went to the Games again.
3. Why did people feel safe to travel throughout Greece each time the Olympics were held?
  - Ⓐ The Olympics were a time of peace.
  - Ⓑ People often made business deals or held family reunions in Olympia.
  - Ⓒ The Games had religious meaning.
  - Ⓓ None of the above
4. What is one difference between the people who watched the ancient Olympics and the people who watch today?
  - Ⓐ More people watched the ancient games.
  - Ⓑ Adult women were not allowed to watch the ancient games.
  - Ⓒ Children were not allowed to watch the ancient games.
  - Ⓓ Only athletes who competed in the Games were allowed to watch the ancient Olympics.

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5. Why were these famous games called the *Olympics*?
  - Ⓐ They were played in the city of Olympia.
  - Ⓑ They honored the Greek goddess Olympia.
  - Ⓒ They were started by the king of Greece.
  - Ⓓ The first athletes chose this name.
6. About how long have the modern Olympics been going on?
  - Ⓐ five hundred years
  - Ⓑ one hundred years
  - Ⓒ fifty years
  - Ⓓ two hundred years
7. What is true of the Olympic torch relay?
  - Ⓐ The torch starts in Olympia, Greece.
  - Ⓑ The torch is carried by many people around the world.
  - Ⓒ The torch ends in the city hosting that year's Olympics.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
8. How are the ancient Olympics and the modern Olympics similar?
  - Ⓐ They both included paid athletes.
  - Ⓑ They both stood for peaceful competition.
  - Ⓒ They both follow the guidelines of the International Olympic Committee.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. Why do some countries build special training facilities for Olympic athletes?
  - Ⓐ The countries have too much money.
  - Ⓑ The countries want to help their athletes win.
  - Ⓒ The athletes can't train anywhere else.
  - Ⓓ The athletes don't want to travel.

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**10. A competitor is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Ⓐ a scientist who studies ancient cultures
- Ⓑ a person who takes part in a contest
- Ⓒ a person who has disagreements over an issue
- Ⓓ an official for the Olympics

**11. Extended Response:** How are the modern Olympics different from the ancient ones? Give at least three differences supported by the text.

**12. Extended Response:** The author of this book states that the pressure for athletes to win can be strong. Explain what you think the author means by this.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Olympics: Past and Present

*Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast*

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
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4. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
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7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include at least three ideas such as the following:  
*countries compete instead of city-states; the Games are held in places other than Olympic, Greece; there are Winter and Summer Games; there are many more events now; and so on.*
12. Answers will vary.