Quick Check

Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis

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

- 1. How is a tsunami different from an earthquake?
 - A tsunami is caused by an earthquake or volcano.
 - B A tsunami causes an earthquake.
 - ① A tsunami is measured on a Richter scale.
 - ① A tsunami doesn't cause any damage to property.
- 2. What does the Richter scale measure?
 - (A) the strength of earthquakes
 - B the amount of magma released
 - (C) the time plates will move
 - ① all of the above
- **3.** Which of the following states a fact?
 - (A) Earthquakes aren't dangerous.
 - B Earthquakes are easy to predict.
 - © Volcanoes never cause damage.
 - ① The Earth is constantly changing.

- 4. What is magma?
 - A giant pieces of rock and soil that make up the surface of the Earth
 - B cracks in the surface of the Earth
 - © melted, liquid rock beneath Earth's crust
 - (D) enormous ocean waves
- **5.** Why is it difficult to see tsunamis in the open ocean?
 - (A) They are deep, but not high above the surface.
 - B They only happen close to the shore.
 - © They haven't built up enough strength yet.
 - ① All of the above
- **6.** How are earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis alike?
 - (A) All are caused by activity deep in the Earth.
 - (B) All cause a drop in the Earth's temperature.
 - (C) All give off poisonous gases.
 - ① All of the above



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- **7.** Which of the following is not a possible result of a tsunami?
 - A People are killed.
 - **B** Tectonic plates get stuck.
 - © Entire towns are destroyed.
 - ① Houses are destroyed.
- **8.** Which of the following states an opinion?
 - (A) Tsunamis are the largest waves in the world.
 - B Clouds of dust and ash rise into the air during a volcanic eruption.
 - © Underwater earthquakes cause the sea floor to move violently.
 - D People shouldn't worry about earthquakes.
- **9.** Which word means cracks in the surface of the Earth, usually around the edges of plates?
 - (A) plates
 - (B) faults
 - (C) mudslides
 - (II) earthquakes

- **10.** What is the main idea of this book?
 - A One day, scientists will be able to warn people before earthquakes occur.
 - B Earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis are some of the most destructive forces of nature.
 - © Volcanic explosions can be so powerful that they can knock over entire forests.
 - ① Even small tsunamis can destroy houses.
- 11. Extended Response: In this book, a volcano was compared to a bottle of soda. Explain this comparison.
- **12. Extended Response:** Why would a scientist want to study tsunamis?



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Ouick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

- **1.** (A) Compare and Contrast
- 2. A Main Idea and Details
- 3. D Fact or Opinion
- **4.** ① Vocabulary
- **5.** (A) Cause and Effect
- **6.** A Compare and Contrast
- **7.** (B) Cause and Effect
- **8.** D Fact or Opinion
- **9.** B Vocabulary
- **10.** (B) Main Idea and Details
- 11. Answers should include the following idea: A volcano is like a bottle of soda that has a plug in it. The magma pushes harder and harder against the plug. Finally, the plug blows off, and the volcano explodes.
- 12. Answers should include two ideas such as the following: to help warn people sooner, to understand tsunamis better, because tsunamis are so powerful and cause such damage, and so on.