



Quick Check D-Day

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

- 1. What caused the seaborne landing at Utah Beach to not go as planned?
 - A German snipers shot at the troops as they advanced on the beach.
 - B Tides made it hard to see hidden mines.
 - (C) The tanks sank off the coast.
 - ① Strong currents made amphibious crafts land thousands of yards off course.
- 2. According to the map on page 5, what countries remained neutral during the war?
 - (A) Ireland, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland
 - B Italy, Spain, England, and Bulgaria
 - © Poland, Prussia, Austria, and Albania
 - Ireland, Spain, Yugoslavia, and Greece

- 3. How was the Juno Beach invasion different from all other invasions?
 - (A) It was the only invasion that soldiers died.
 - B It was the only invasion that paratroopers were not used.
 - (C) It was the only invasion that tanks were successful.
 - ① It was the only invasion lead by Canadian troops.
- **4.** What happened after American troops sprinted across Omaha Beach?
 - A They dug trenches for other American forces to lie in to avoid gunfire.
 - B They engaged German soldiers in hand-to-hand combat.
 - ① They scaled cliffs while Navy destroyers tried to attack German fortifications.
 - ① They set up camp so they could wait for the following day to attack the beach.

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- 5. Which word would best replace mission in the following sentence? The mission was a success.
 - (A) assignment
 - **B** church
 - (C) house
 - ① problem
- **6.** Why did Canadian troops struggle at Juno Beach?
 - A Their tanks were released from launch vehicles too soon, and they sank.
 - Strong winds blew them off course.
 - © The paratroopers did not distract German troops.
 - D Bad weather and rising tides made it hard for them to destroy German mines.

- **7.** What happened after British soldiers and paratroopers linked together at Sword Beach?
 - A They overtook small towns to use for unloading supplies

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- ® German troops surrendered.
- © German troops launched a counterattack.
- They got lost and did not meet Canadian and American troops at Caen.
- **8.** The people caught, injured, missing, and killed during a war are _____.
 - A paratroopers
 - (B) casualties
 - (C) infantry
 - ① Allies
- **9.** Which country surrendered first at the end of World War II?
 - (A) America
 - **B** Japan
 - © Germany
 - ① France



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- **10.** Why was D-Day considered the most ambitious operation in history?
 - Allied forces had to fight with little training.
 - B Allied forces had to extract spies from behind enemy lines without their plan being discovered.
 - C Allied forces had to hide paratroopers inland for long hours before other troops could arrive.
 - D Allied forces had to move a great number of soldiers, equipment, munitions, and tanks across the English Channel without being discovered.
- 11. Extended Response: What was the biggest problem Allied forces faced during Operation Overload?
- **12. Extended Response:** What effect did the naval aerial attacks have during the invasion of Gold Beach?

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Quick Check Answer Sheet

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

- **1.** (D) Cause and Effect
- 2. (A) Text Structure
- **4.** © Sequence Events
- **5.** A Vocabulary
- **6.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **7.** © Sequence of Events
- **8.** B Vocabulary
- **9.** © Sequence Events
- **10.** (D) Main Ideas and Details
- 11. Answers will vary but should include that troops were untrained; weather made it difficult for many invasions, often blowing them off course; some beaches were surrounded by high cliffs; German defenses were around the beaches; and Allied tanks sank because they were off course.
- 12. Answers will vary but should include that the situation could have ended with disaster, and that the attacks help lead to British control of the beach by noon and helped capture a fishing village.