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

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| <p>1. The United Nations was created as a result of _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ the end of World War I</li> <li>Ⓑ the end of World War II</li> <li>Ⓒ the end of the Civil War</li> <li>Ⓓ the end of the Vietnam War</li> </ul> <p>2. Which of the following sentences describes the main idea of the section "The International Court of Justice"?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ The ICJ offers opinions and rulings about legal questions brought to it by UN member states.</li> <li>Ⓑ The ICJ always has five judges from the permanent members of the Security Council.</li> <li>Ⓒ The ICJ is made up of fifteen judges.</li> <li>Ⓓ The ICJ is located in the Netherlands.</li> </ul> | <p>3. After scientists discovered growing holes in the ozone layer, _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ the UN refused to let people visit countries with the biggest ozone problem</li> <li>Ⓑ the UN worked to help people who were dehydrating and dying from thirst in African countries</li> <li>Ⓒ the UN worked to help people who were overheating faster in countries close to the equator</li> <li>Ⓓ the UN formed an agreement to reduce the use of certain chemicals globally</li> </ul> |
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4. What was the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to persuade readers to understand that any positive change that happens in the world is the result of the work of the UN
  - Ⓑ to persuade readers to donate money and volunteer for UN organizations
  - Ⓒ to inform readers about the organization of the UN and how it has impacted the world
  - Ⓓ to inform readers about failures the UN has faced in the past seventy years
5. According to this book, which situation would the United Nations be tasked to help with?
  - Ⓐ an outbreak of a contagious virus in the Caribbean
  - Ⓑ protests in the United States against tax increases
  - Ⓒ a criminal trial in Great Britain
  - Ⓓ the election of a new prime minister in Australia
6. What conclusion can you draw from the section "Complexity and Controversy of the UN"?
  - Ⓐ The UN costs too much money to operate and should be shut down.
  - Ⓑ The UN has both critics and supporters of the work it has done.
  - Ⓒ The UN has ended all disease worldwide.
  - Ⓓ The UN plays favorites and tends to side with rich countries.
7. Why might the UN High Commissioner for Refugees be especially important nowadays?
  - Ⓐ There are more refugees in the world now than at any time since World War II.
  - Ⓑ More people want to move to the United States today than at any other time in history.
  - Ⓒ The violence between the Tutsi and the Hutu is at an all-time high.
  - Ⓓ There are more natural disasters today than at any other time in the past.

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8. China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States always hold a seat on the Security Council because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ they donate the most money to the UN
  - Ⓑ they are the richest countries in the world
  - Ⓒ they have the biggest populations
  - Ⓓ they were the five main Allies in World War II
9. Which of the following is a goal of the United Nations?
  - Ⓐ to help countries in need, as long as they are members of the UN
  - Ⓑ to promote human rights worldwide
  - Ⓒ to solve the environmental issues of the world
  - Ⓓ to provide aid for small-scale problems
10. Which group of people would ECOSOC support?
  - Ⓐ delegates to the UN
  - Ⓑ peacekeeping soldiers
  - Ⓒ Aboriginal groups in Australia
  - Ⓓ General Assembly committees
11. **Extended Response:** Do you think the world needs the United Nations? Why or why not? Use specific examples from the text to support your answer.
12. **Extended Response:** Describe five facts about the United Nations that you learned from reading this book.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The United Nations

*Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details*

1. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include students' opinions and valid arguments from the text to support their positions.
12. Answers will vary but should include five facts about the United Nations that are mentioned in the book.