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

1. Which phrase from the text best supports the inference that Spitz is ruthless?
 - Ⓐ *This was Spitz's opportunity.*
 - Ⓑ *They had crept in while Buck and Spitz were fighting . . .*
 - Ⓒ *Spitz sprang upon Buck, and twice his teeth sank into his unresisting foe . . .*
 - Ⓓ *Spitz . . . felt his supremacy threatened by this strange Southland dog.*
2. What is the effect of Dolly going mad?
 - Ⓐ She wanders away from the team, and they never see her again.
 - Ⓑ She ends up with a badly torn throat.
 - Ⓒ She aggressively attacks the starving huskies.
 - Ⓓ She chases Buck, and François has to kill her to stop her.
3. How does the author build tension between Spitz and Buck?
 - Ⓐ He reveals the inner thoughts of Spitz.
 - Ⓑ He describes events in which Spitz unfairly attacks Buck.
 - Ⓒ He suggests that the other sled dogs favor Spitz.
 - Ⓓ He portrays Buck as terrified of Spitz.
4. Which of the following is a result of the wild dogs attacking the camp?
 - Ⓐ The men have to make their camp on the ice of the lake.
 - Ⓑ The dogs fall through the ice.
 - Ⓒ François massages Buck's feet.
 - Ⓓ The men have to repair the harness and traces.

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5. How does Perrault demonstrate that he is a determined man?
 - Ⓐ He continues to travel despite many dangers and setbacks.
 - Ⓑ He thaws the fish by the fire and feeds the dogs.
 - Ⓒ He believes that Spitz will kill Buck.
 - Ⓓ He prays for a miracle when crossing the dangerous ice.
6. Which event in the story best exemplifies **pandemonium**?
 - Ⓐ Spitz attacks Buck when he is resting.
 - Ⓑ Wild dogs invade the camp and cause chaos.
 - Ⓒ Perrault falls through the ice.
 - Ⓓ François makes moccasins for Buck.

7. What is the solution for Buck's problem with sensitive feet?
 - Ⓐ François makes Buck moccasins.
 - Ⓑ Buck takes frequent breaks.
 - Ⓒ Buck rides in the sled at the more difficult points.
 - Ⓓ Dolly takes Buck's place.
8. Which event occurs first?
 - Ⓐ François kills Dolly.
 - Ⓑ Wild dogs invade the camp.
 - Ⓒ Dave and Buck fall through the ice.
 - Ⓓ Spitz steals Buck's nest.
9. How is Buck different from Spitz?
 - Ⓐ Spitz is gentler and more obedient than Buck.
 - Ⓑ Buck is a lead dog, and Spitz is a follower.
 - Ⓒ Buck does not pick fights, while Spitz often tries to.
 - Ⓓ Spitz does not know how to dig nests in the snow, and Buck does.

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10. The events in this part of the story could best be described as the _____ of the story.
 - Ⓐ resolution
 - Ⓑ rising action
 - Ⓒ introduction
 - Ⓓ falling action
11. **Extended Response:** How does the setting influence the plot in this part of the story? Write a paragraph that mentions at least two specific events from the text that are affected by the setting in some way.
12. **Extended Response:** Perrault and François do many things to care for their sled dogs. Write a paragraph that describes how they care for their animals and what you think their motivation is for protecting the dogs. Support your answer with evidence from the text.

1. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓑ *Analyze Plot*
4. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓐ *Problem and Solution*
8. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓑ *Analyze Plot*
11. Answers will vary but should explain that the setting of the wild tundra plays a large role in many of the events in this part. First, Spitz steals Buck's nest, which Buck dug to stay warm from the cold climate. This initiates their first fight. Also, the wild dogs come rushing into camp because it is difficult to find food in the harsh climate and they are hungry. Additionally, Perrault and François make slow progress because they and the dogs keep falling through the ice and have to stop to dry themselves by using fire because the weather is very cold.
12. Answers will vary as students can take one of two main viewpoints—they care for the dogs because they like them or because their survival depends on them. Answers will also include a description of how the men care for the animals, such as defending them from the wild dogs, massaging Buck's feet, saving them from drowning, and so on. The answers will support the student's viewpoint with textual evidence.