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

1. What happened after the men of the Franklin Expedition waited two years for their ship to be freed from the ice?
  - Ⓐ The men started hiking to the Canadian mainland.
  - Ⓑ The men started shooting cannons to attract attention.
  - Ⓒ The men took the lifeboat and headed out to sea to look for another ship.
  - Ⓓ The men gave up and died on the ship.
2. Which of the following was a possible cause for the sinking of the *USS Cyclops*?
  - Ⓐ The ship may have hit an iceberg that created a hole and caused it to sink.
  - Ⓑ It hit the shore, causing it to capsize.
  - Ⓒ The engine was not working properly, and it was carrying a heavy load.
  - Ⓓ It was attacked by a sea monster.
3. What is a rogue wave?
  - Ⓐ It is a wave far out at sea that comes out of nowhere.
  - Ⓑ It is a huge wave that is created when a major storm is approaching.
  - Ⓒ It is a wave that crashes a ship onto land.
  - Ⓓ It is a wave that stays underwater and cannot be seen by the people aboard the ship.
4. After reading the section "The Long Hunt for HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*," what can you conclude about the men on the expedition?
  - Ⓐ They were courageous and determined.
  - Ⓑ They were not well trained for the expedition.
  - Ⓒ They were too lazy to remove their ships from the ice.
  - Ⓓ They were too stubborn to ask the local Inuit people for help.

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5. *People who carry out detailed examinations in order to determine the facts about something* are called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ sailors
  - Ⓑ investigators
  - Ⓒ deep-sea divers
  - Ⓓ engineers
6. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ Modern equipment makes shipping safer than ever, but dozens of shipwrecks still claim lives every year.
  - Ⓑ Treasure hunters search for other wrecks because of riches said to have sunk with them.
  - Ⓒ Every shipwreck leaves behind mysteries.
  - Ⓓ Some of the shipwreck mysteries can be explored and explained.
7. Why is the ship *Mary Celeste* referred to as a ghost ship?
  - Ⓐ A lifeboat from the *Mary Celeste* was seen with ghostlike figures aboard.
  - Ⓑ A mysterious ship identical to the *Mary Celeste* had been seen sailing nearly a hundred years after its disappearance.
  - Ⓒ It is said that the people aboard the boat haunt the Atlantic Ocean.
  - Ⓓ The crew, captain, and his family were not onboard when the ship was discovered.
8. The treasure aboard the *San José* was intended to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ be a gift from Spain to Great Britain
  - Ⓑ finance the repair of boats for the Spanish navy
  - Ⓒ pay for the building of an even bigger and more elaborate boat
  - Ⓓ fund Spain's war against Great Britain

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9. Why did the people on shore not rescue the sailors from the HMS *Victory* even though they heard the cannons fired as a signal for help?
- Ⓐ The fog was too dense for them to see the location of the ship.
  - Ⓑ The seas were far too dangerous for any attempt to rescue.
  - Ⓒ The ship contained Spanish soldiers, and the people on shore were from Great Britain.
  - Ⓓ Most people ashore believed the sound of the cannons was thunder and not a cry for help.

10. **Salvage** refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ property that is missing and never found
- Ⓑ property that is stolen by one group of people from another
- Ⓒ property that is saved from damage or destruction
- Ⓓ property that is abandoned and never used again

11. **Extended Response:** Why does the author refer to the sinking of the SS *Valencia* as one of the most terrifying shipwrecks of all?

12. **Extended Response:** Why is the shipwreck discovered near the Greek Island of Antikythera so unique and fascinating?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Mysterious Shipwrecks

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓐ Sequence Events
2. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓑ Vocabulary
6. Ⓒ Fact and Opinion
7. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary, but students should note the following: *The SS Valencia ran aground and was trapped in pounding waves, making it impossible for a rescue to be successful. After thirty-six hours, a huge wave swept over the upper deck and killed dozens of people.*
12. Answers should include the fact that the ship found near Antikythera was over two thousand years old and contained many ancient pieces of art and luxury goods. Additionally, the ship contained what scientists call the "world's first computer."