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

1. What is the main idea of *Ocean Animals*?
 - (A) Manta rays are related to stingrays, but they do not sting.
 - (B) Dolphins live in large groups called pods.
 - (C) Ocean animals spend their time in the water and on the land.
 - (D) Many kinds of animals live in the ocean and form an ocean community.
2. What gives the hammerhead shark its name?
 - (A) the sound its tail makes
 - (B) the shape of its head
 - (C) the way it hunts other animals
 - (D) the shape of its tail
3. What helps a walrus survive in cold climates?
 - (A) a thick layer of fat on its body
 - (B) long, ivory tusks
 - (C) flat flippers
 - (D) long fur on its body
4. What is the author's purpose for writing *Ocean Animals*?
 - (A) to inform readers about the many kinds of animals that live in the ocean
 - (B) to persuade readers to visit the ocean and see different kinds of animals
 - (C) to entertain readers with stories about strange ocean animals
 - (D) to inform readers about the unusual features of sea horses
5. Which detail supports the idea that a dolphin is intelligent?
 - (A) It has a strong tail.
 - (B) It has a sleek body.
 - (C) It surfaces often for air.
 - (D) It has a large brain.
6. Which of the following is harmful to ocean animals?
 - (A) community
 - (B) defenses
 - (C) pollution
 - (D) lobes

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7. In what ways are California sea lions and great white sharks similar?
 - Ⓐ They both have thin fur on their bodies.
 - Ⓑ They both eat fish as part of their diet.
 - Ⓒ They both do not have any bones in their bodies.
 - Ⓓ They both spend time on land.
8. How does a sea horse defend itself when it is in danger?
 - Ⓐ It changes its color and shape.
 - Ⓑ It hooks its tail to something nearby.
 - Ⓒ It hides in a small space.
 - Ⓓ It uses its very sharp teeth.
9. Which of the following means *a warm-blooded animal with hair or fur*?
 - Ⓐ reptile
 - Ⓑ prey
 - Ⓒ predator
 - Ⓓ mammal

10. Which of the following is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ A hammerhead shark uses its head to pin stingrays.
 - Ⓑ If a great white shark loses a tooth, it will grow back.
 - Ⓒ An octopus is the most interesting animal in the ocean.
 - Ⓓ A blue whale is the largest animal on the planet.
11. **Extended Response:** How can humans help ocean animals survive?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ocean Animals

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
4. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
11. Answers will vary but should include that people can help ocean animals by limiting hunting and keeping the oceans clean.