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

1. What is an **arsonist**?
 - Ⓐ a person who prevents fires
 - Ⓑ a person who sets fires on purpose
 - Ⓒ an accidental fire in a large city
 - Ⓓ a condition that will likely cause a fire
2. Why did many people think Emperor Nero had started the fire himself in Rome in AD 64?
 - Ⓐ so he could build a new home
 - Ⓑ so he could blame the Christians
 - Ⓒ so his people would be left homeless
 - Ⓓ so he could rebuild the city in his honor
3. What could have been done to prevent or lessen the effects of the London fire of 1666?
 - Ⓐ The mayor could have been more concerned about the fire.
 - Ⓑ Thomas Farynor could have put out his bakery fires.
 - Ⓒ A fire hook could have pulled thatch off roofs.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. What changes in life resulted from the London fire of 1666?
 - Ⓐ New buildings were built from brick.
 - Ⓑ Garbage was not allowed in the streets.
 - Ⓒ The streets were wider, and there was more space between houses.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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5. How were fires in large cities actually beneficial to people?
 - Ⓐ The fires got rid of old, unsafe buildings.
 - Ⓑ They developed new fire prevention methods.
 - Ⓒ They were able to try out new ways to fight fires.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
6. What is a **firebreak**?
 - Ⓐ a place where firefighters can go to rest and relax
 - Ⓑ a place where materials that can burn are removed
 - Ⓒ a place where a fire dies down and stops on its own
 - Ⓓ a place where firefighters find the hottest part of the fire
7. What unfortunate situation helped the Chicago fire of 1871 to get out of control?
 - Ⓐ Winds helped spread the flames.
 - Ⓑ Firefighters went to the wrong address.
 - Ⓒ That summer had been one of the driest on record.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. How long did the Chicago fire of 1871 last?
 - Ⓐ twenty-four hours
 - Ⓑ seven days
 - Ⓒ three days
 - Ⓓ two weeks
9. What is a **firestorm**?
 - Ⓐ when a thunderstorm causes a fire
 - Ⓑ a fire in a forest that creates great winds
 - Ⓒ when fire and wind combine to spread flames
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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10. What should you do if your clothes catch on fire?
- Ⓐ tear them off
 - Ⓑ stop, drop, and roll
 - Ⓒ run to a bathtub or shower for water
 - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Write a summary of this book in thirty words or less.
12. **Extended Response:** What can you do to help your family have a plan for preventing or escaping a fire?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Great City Fires

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓑ Vocabulary
2. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
4. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
5. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
7. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓒ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary but should be similar to the following: *The large and deadly fires that took place in Rome, London, and Chicago forced people to create laws and practices that will hopefully prevent such large fires in the future.*
12. Answers will vary.