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

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| <p>1. What happened after the Church placed Galileo under house arrest?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓐ He lost his interest in asking questions and making new discoveries.Ⓑ He continued to have trouble with the Church for making new discoveries and was put in jail.Ⓒ He continued to write about his discoveries and published another book.Ⓓ He hired one of his students to continue his research for him. | <p>2. Why was Galileo important to other scientists who followed him?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓐ He was the first scientist to record his thoughts and discoveries.Ⓑ He was the first to explain how nature works in writing using math equations.Ⓒ He was the first scientist to study and explore the positions of the Sun and Earth.Ⓓ He was the first scientist to teach mathematics at a university in Padua. |
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3. What is the section "Galileo's Childhood" mostly about?
 - Ⓐ Galileo was very similar to his father in that he loved music and wanted to pursue it as an adult.
 - Ⓑ Galileo grew up with very little money but was able to overcome these challenges and become a great scientist.
 - Ⓒ Galileo liked science when he was a boy and thought about the planets constantly.
 - Ⓓ Galileo had a habit of looking closely at everything, recording what he saw, and then trying to explain what he had recorded.
4. Which of the following sentences from the text helps readers understand the meaning of **controversial**?
 - Ⓐ He was not the first person to come up with this theory.
 - Ⓑ The answer lies in the philosophy and religious beliefs of the time.
 - Ⓒ In particular, the Catholic Church opposed his views.
 - Ⓓ As Galileo examined the solar system, he made discovery after discovery.
5. What happened as a result of Galileo watching a chandelier swing back and forth in a church?
 - Ⓐ He became a professor.
 - Ⓑ He published his first book.
 - Ⓒ He dropped weighty objects from buildings.
 - Ⓓ He designed a clock that used a pendulum.

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6. Which of the following events occurred in 1589?
 - Ⓐ Galileo made discoveries about space.
 - Ⓑ Galileo was born.
 - Ⓒ Galileo was in trouble with the Church.
 - Ⓓ Galileo returned to university as a teacher.
7. Which of the following is one of Galileo's major accomplishments?
 - Ⓐ He was the first person to discover the phases of Venus.
 - Ⓑ He traveled throughout the world to teach and make new discoveries.
 - Ⓒ He published the first and only book about the Sun and the planets.
 - Ⓓ He was not only a famous scientist but a well-known artist as well.
8. What does the author most want you to know about Galileo?
 - Ⓐ Galileo's medical studies never interested him as much as mathamatics.
 - Ⓑ Galileo was the son of Vincenzo Galilei, a musician and composer.
 - Ⓒ Galileo taught math for eighteen years in Padua.
 - Ⓓ Galileo forever changed the way we look at the world.
9. Galileo was able to see planets and moons from far away by _____.
 - Ⓐ building his own "spyglass"
 - Ⓑ reading *The Starry Messenger*
 - Ⓒ sending a probe into space
 - Ⓓ studying the solar system
10. Based on this text, which of the following words best describes Galileo?
 - Ⓐ dishonest
 - Ⓑ curious
 - Ⓒ kind
 - Ⓓ fearful

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11. Extended Response: Why was the Church fiercely opposed to Galileo's discoveries?

12. Extended Response: How did Galileo's ability to ask difficult questions lead him to become a great scientist?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Galileo

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
2. Ⓑ *Elements of Biography*
3. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓐ *Elements of Biography*
8. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
9. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓑ *Elements of Biography*
11. Answers will vary, but students should note that the Church was unhappy with Galileo's discoveries because the Church held the belief that Earth was the center of the solar system and Galileo's studies showed that the Sun was the center.
12. Answers will vary, but students should note that, because of his desire and ability to ask questions, Galileo was always making new discoveries and challenging what was known about the world.