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

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| <p>1. Which sentence helps readers know that Nicholas Winton was determined to help children?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓐ Winton said, "I only went to Prague because we'd discuss a good deal, if not daily, what was happening in Europe."Ⓑ Winton went into the camps and saw that they were cold, dirty, and jammed with thousands of people.Ⓒ When the governments moved too slowly, sometimes Winton and a small team of helpers created fake permits.Ⓓ At fifty pounds per child, such a fee back then was a small fortune. | <p>2. Which of the following sentences informs the reader about the main topic of the book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ⓐ In 2002, Winton was made a knight by Queen Elizabeth II.Ⓑ Since his secret was revealed, Winton has spoken often about his decision to save the Czech children.Ⓒ Six hundred and sixty-nine children were saved by Winton's trains.Ⓓ Winton organized trains and worked to find homes for hundreds of Jewish children fleeing the Nazis. |
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3. Concentration camps

are _____.

- Ⓐ places where people were held against their will
- Ⓑ places where people were protected from Hitler's rule
- Ⓒ places that provided food and shelter to those without homes
- Ⓓ places where families dropped off their children to put them on a train to a safe place

4. What was Winton's first step in his plan to help others?

- Ⓐ He placed ads in newspapers across Great Britain.
- Ⓑ He set himself up in a hotel in Prague.
- Ⓒ He returned to England to raise money.
- Ⓓ He created fake permits.

5. The author most likely includes details about Vera Gissing as a child to help readers _____.

- Ⓐ understand the conditions of many refugee camps
- Ⓑ understand the struggle of many Jewish people during this time in history
- Ⓒ draw conclusions about the military struggle during World War II
- Ⓓ understand how Winton was able to save so many children

6. According to this book, which statement about Nicholas Winton is true?

- Ⓐ Nicholas Winton never got to meet any of the people he saved.
- Ⓑ Nicholas Winton kept his story a secret, and it was not uncovered until after he died.
- Ⓒ Nicholas Winton never fought in World War II.
- Ⓓ Nicholas Winton was given many awards for his work.

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7. Read this sentence: *Had we not been **spirited** away, we would have been murdered alongside them. Spirited* means _____.
 - Ⓐ carried off secretly
 - Ⓑ taken to a government office
 - Ⓒ transported by train
 - Ⓓ publically recognized
8. What was the effect of Winton's wife finding his old briefcase in the attic?
 - Ⓐ Winton began writing letters to the governments of countries around the world, asking them to take the children.
 - Ⓑ Over six hundred children were carried away to safety.
 - Ⓒ A British television show did a program about him and put him in touch with more than two dozen of the children he had rescued.
 - Ⓓ Winton's secret was revealed, and he started writing a book about his experience.
9. What was the author's purpose for writing *Escape from the Holocaust*?
 - Ⓐ to inform readers about World War II and how it devastated the world
 - Ⓑ to inform readers about Czechoslovakia and its role during World War II
 - Ⓒ to inform readers about how Hitler formed the Nazi party
 - Ⓓ to inform readers about how hundreds of Czech children were saved
10. What happened right after Hitler's army invaded Poland and closed all German-controlled borders?
 - Ⓐ The first fifteen children left Prague for Great Britain by airplane.
 - Ⓑ Winton placed ads in newspapers across Great Britain and talked with churches.
 - Ⓒ Winton began planning for an eighth train out of Prague.
 - Ⓓ A train carrying children disappeared, and the children were never seen again.

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- 11. Extended Response:** What does the section “In His Own Words” tell you about the character of Nicholas Winton?
- 12. Extended Response:** Why do you think Vera Gissing wrote a book about her experience as child on one of Winton’s trains?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Escape From the Holocaust

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
7. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
11. Answers should include the fact that Winton was very humble and felt that he did nothing heroic or special, and that he was simply doing what he could to help.
12. Answers will vary but should include the fact that it is important for people to understand this piece of human history and people's experiences during this time. Additionally, answers should include that Gissing's book brings light to the heroic efforts of Nicholas Winton.