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

1. The blackout curtains _____.
 - Ⓐ sealed light from inside homes
 - Ⓑ were used during World War II
 - Ⓒ were meant to help keep people safe
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Why did Robert want to run home after he and Alice saw the movie on her birthday?
 - Ⓐ He was very hungry and thirsty.
 - Ⓑ He wanted to play with his friends.
 - Ⓒ He wanted to get away from Alice.
 - Ⓓ He wanted Alice to get to her party.
3. What was the purpose of ration stamps?
 - Ⓐ to help spread out limited supplies
 - Ⓑ to give certain people free food and supplies
 - Ⓒ to make sure everyone got everything they wanted
 - Ⓓ to make it so some people could not have certain things
4. What is a **sacrifice**?
 - Ⓐ It is a time when someone is without much money.
 - Ⓑ It is when someone gives to, or helps, a person or a cause.
 - Ⓒ It is an action that leads to someone's feelings being hurt.
 - Ⓓ It is when someone is talking about and planning an event.

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5. How did Alice feel when the author wrote, "her mood was darker than the blackout curtains in her room"?
 - Ⓐ excited
 - Ⓑ pleased
 - Ⓒ very sad
 - Ⓓ frightened
6. Why did Robert and his friends collect metal scraps?
 - Ⓐ to get money
 - Ⓑ to send the scraps to his father
 - Ⓒ to melt down the scraps for toys
 - Ⓓ to help the war effort
7. Why was Alice's mother doing a job that a man used to do?
 - Ⓐ It paid a lot of money.
 - Ⓑ She wanted to prove she could do it.
 - Ⓒ There weren't many men available for jobs.
 - Ⓓ She was the only one who knew how to do it.
8. The morning of her birthday, Alice _____.
 - Ⓐ heard singing
 - Ⓑ saw her father
 - Ⓒ was very disappointed
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. Why had Alice not told her friends about her birthday?
 - Ⓐ She did not want anyone to know she was getting older.
 - Ⓑ She did not want to have to share her cake with others.
 - Ⓒ She saw no reason to tell them since there would be no party.
 - Ⓓ She wanted it to be a surprise to everyone.

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10. Why had Alice's friends been whispering together the day before her birthday?

- Ⓐ They were talking about why they didn't like Alice.
- Ⓑ They were telling each other what they had bought for Alice.
- Ⓒ They were saying they would meet at the movies the next day.
- Ⓓ They were telling each other which ration stamps they needed for her cake.

11. Extended Response: Explain how and why Alice changed her mind about her thirteenth birthday.

12. Extended Response: Explain in two or three sentences a time when you were surprised or when you surprised someone. Include who, when, and where.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Alice's Birthday Cake

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
3. Ⓐ Story Elements
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓒ Analyze Character
6. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓐ Sequence Events
9. Ⓒ Analyze Character
10. Ⓓ Sequence Events
11. Answers will vary but may include the following: *At the beginning of the story, Alice thought it would be unlucky because she wouldn't have a cake or party, and her father wasn't there to help celebrate. At the end, though, she found out how much her friends and family cared about her because of the surprise party and the letter from her father.*
12. Answers will vary but should include who, when, and where. Example: *My family surprised my grandmother with a party at her house when she came home from the hospital last year after being sick for a long time.*