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

1. The purpose of this book is to _____.
 (A) inform
 (B) entertain
 (C) persuade
 (D) explain a process
2. A virus uses the cells of your body to _____.
 (A) grow larger
 (B) reproduce itself
 (C) hibernate
 (D) move from place to place
3. Influenza attacks the _____.
 (A) muscles
 (B) liver and heart
 (C) skin and eyes
 (D) respiratory tract
4. Read this sentence: *Viruses mutate*. **Mutate** means to _____.
 (A) infect people
 (B) change
 (C) spread rapidly
 (D) live in chickens
5. Antibodies in our _____ protect us against invading germs.
 (A) brain
 (B) muscles
 (C) respiratory tract
 (D) blood
6. Read this sentence: *Influenza is extremely contagious*. **Contagious** means _____.
 (A) easily cured
 (B) easily passed from person to person
 (C) deadly to chickens
 (D) easily identified by medical personnel
7. People who might catch the flu more easily are said to be _____.
 (A) a dangerous group
 (B) a high-risk population
 (C) a target vaccine population
 (D) immune

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8. To treat the flu, you should _____.
 - Ⓐ drink lots of fluids
 - Ⓑ get plenty of rest
 - Ⓒ eat healthy foods
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. Read this sentence: *Scientists fear a worldwide influenza **pandemic**.* What is a **pandemic**?
 - Ⓐ the worldwide spread of a disease
 - Ⓑ a faulty vaccine that spreads disease
 - Ⓒ an improper treatment for influenza
 - Ⓓ a terrorist plot to spread influenza around the world
10. To avoid infecting others when you have the flu, you should _____.
 - Ⓐ wash your hands often
 - Ⓑ cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
 - Ⓒ stay home and away from other people
 - Ⓓ all of the above

11. **Extended Response:** Why do scientists have to create a new flu vaccine every year?
12. **Extended Response:** How does a vaccine help prevent a person from getting influenza?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

InFLUenza

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include the concept that the virus mutates into new strains and each year's vaccine must include different strains of the virus.
12. Answers should include the concept that a vaccine trains a person's immune system to recognize and fight specific strains of the influenza virus.