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

1. Why is it surprising that Venus and Serena became tennis stars?
  - Ⓐ They are sisters who competed against each other.
  - Ⓑ They did not work very hard.
  - Ⓒ They grew up in California where few people play tennis.
  - Ⓓ They grew up in a tough place where tennis courts were full of trash.
2. Why does Bethany's "heart pound" when she sees a shadow under the water?
  - Ⓐ She is afraid another shark might attack her.
  - Ⓑ She wants to swim down to see the shark.
  - Ⓒ She thinks her brothers are teasing her.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
3. What does **commemorate** mean?
  - Ⓐ to be allowed to play
  - Ⓑ to honor the memory of someone or something
  - Ⓒ to learn from
  - Ⓓ to commit yourself to something
4. What is the main idea of this book?
  - Ⓐ All girls and women can be star athletes.
  - Ⓑ Long ago, women competed in foot races that were held in Greece and were similar to the Olympics.
  - Ⓒ Women have competed and excelled in sports for years due to their determination, skill, and dedication.
  - Ⓓ Bethany Hamilton is a young, talented surfer who continues to participate in her sport even though she was seriously injured.

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5. What is a **legacy**?
  - Ⓐ a person who watches a sports event
  - Ⓑ a game with at least two players
  - Ⓒ money given to students
  - Ⓓ something left to somebody
6. What do Mia Hamm, Bethany Hamilton, and the Williams sisters have in common?
  - Ⓐ They are dedicated to helping others improve their lives.
  - Ⓑ They want to earn as much money as possible.
  - Ⓒ They want to promote their sport at any cost.
  - Ⓓ They want to compete at the highest level.
7. Which describes Bethany's personality?
  - Ⓐ compassionate
  - Ⓑ determined
  - Ⓒ grateful
  - Ⓓ all of the above
8. How is Venus different from Serena?
  - Ⓐ Venus is younger.
  - Ⓑ Venus has never been ranked number one in the world in tennis.
  - Ⓒ Venus has a line of clothes called EleVen.
  - Ⓓ Venus went to college.
9. How does Mia Hamm influence others?
  - Ⓐ Her foundation supports families of people who receive transplants.
  - Ⓑ Her foundation develops opportunities for young women to participate in sports.
  - Ⓒ She encourages people to quit when something is too hard.
  - Ⓓ Both A and B

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**10.** Which of the following states an opinion?

- Ⓐ Venus Williams entered her first professional tennis tournament when she was fourteen years old.
- Ⓑ Winning is the most important thing.
- Ⓒ Mia Hamm retired from international competition in 2004.
- Ⓓ Bethany Hamilton began entering surf competitions when she was eight years old.

**11. Extended Response:** Which of the four athletes' way of assisting others do you believe is the most helpful? Explain your answer.

**12. Extended Response:** Why does the author state that the athletes in this text served as an "inspiration to others"?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Female Sports Stars

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
8. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
10. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
11. Answers will vary but would be similar to the following: *I believe that Mia Hamm's foundation that raises money for bone marrow research is the most helpful because she is helping people live longer.*
12. Answers may vary but should include the idea that the athletes in this book overcame challenges and have made huge impacts in their respective sports.