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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ People around the world protect wildlife in Antarctica.
 - Ⓑ Antarctica is an amazing place that is important to protect and learn more about.
 - Ⓒ The emperor penguin lives in the cold waters of the Antarctic.
 - Ⓓ Antarctica's location is so far south that people never knew it was there.
2. What was the effect of the signing of the 1961 treaty?
 - Ⓐ Wars are not allowed to happen in Antarctica.
 - Ⓑ Visitors can vacation and tour around Antarctica.
 - Ⓒ Homes that were built on the continent had to be moved.
 - Ⓓ Penguins were protected from people harming them.
3. Based on the book, why aren't there trees in Antarctica?
 - Ⓐ The insects that live on Antarctica kill the trees.
 - Ⓑ The trees cannot grow in the freezing temperatures.
 - Ⓒ The weather changes in the summer months and kills all plant life.
 - Ⓓ The snowstorms blow the trees over.
4. Most of the Earth's **fresh water** is frozen in Antarctica's ice. What is **fresh water**?
 - Ⓐ Water that does not melt.
 - Ⓑ Water that does not have salt in it.
 - Ⓒ Water that does not have animals in it.
 - Ⓓ Water that does not help plants grow.

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5. Read this sentence from the book: *People around the world have worked hard to **protect** Antarctica's wildlife and land.* What is another word for **protect**?
 - Ⓐ buy
 - Ⓑ observe
 - Ⓒ steal
 - Ⓓ guard
6. Which of the following statements is a fact from this book?
 - Ⓐ The best place for scientists to study is Antarctica.
 - Ⓑ The wildlife in Antarctica is the most diverse in the world.
 - Ⓒ Antarctica would be a prettier place if trees grew there.
 - Ⓓ Antarctica has only one native insect species.
7. Why does a male penguin hold an egg between its feet for two months?
 - Ⓐ to protect the egg and keep it warm
 - Ⓑ to save the egg from the mother penguin
 - Ⓒ to keep it from being taken by a scientist
 - Ⓓ to watch the egg while the mother penguin makes a nest
8. Why might penguins be in danger if leopard seals are nearby?
 - Ⓐ Leopard seals are predators of penguins.
 - Ⓑ Leopard seals warn penguins when a storm is coming.
 - Ⓒ Leopard seals warn penguins when people are nearby.
 - Ⓓ Leopard seals and penguins compete for the same food.

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9. What is the effect of the Earth turning away from the Sun in June and July?

- Ⓐ The Sun never sets in Antarctica.
- Ⓑ The Sun never rises in Antarctica.
- Ⓒ The Sun is up for half of the day.
- Ⓓ The Sunlight is weaker.

10. Why are scientists studying Antarctica's ice?

- Ⓐ They want to measure how cold the temperature is toward the core of the Earth.
- Ⓑ They want to build homes that can survive in the ice.
- Ⓒ They want to learn more about what the weather in Antarctica was like long ago.
- Ⓓ They want to know what types of animals are living inside the ice.

11. **Extended Response:** Why is it important for scientists to study Antarctica during the extreme winter?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Amazing Antarctica

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓓ Vocabulary
6. Ⓓ Fact or Opinion
7. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but will likely include details such as the following: *It is important for scientists to study the continent during the extreme winter because the continent's winters are like no other continent. Scientists can study how the animals and plants adapt and survive during very low temperatures.*