Quick Check

The Terry Fox Story

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

- 1. Why does the author mention it hurt each time Terry took a step with his prosthetic leg?
 - (A) to introduce the various challenges of walking on a prosthetic leg
 - B to give a reason why Terry could not finish his marathon
 - © to give an example of how Terry did not back down from challenges
 - ① to emphasize why running in a blizzard is very difficult
- **2.** Terry found out he had cancer soon after he _____.
 - (A) hurt his knee in a car accident
 - B had a routine physical with his basketball team
 - © made the eighth-grade basketball team
 - was in his final year at Simon Fraser University

- 3. What was one additional challenge Terry faced soon after he got his prosthetic leg?
 - (A) He had to undergo chemotherapy.
 - B He had to go back to school to get his degree.
 - © He found out he could never play basketball again.
 - ① He needed to figure out a new way to climb mountains.
- **4.** In the section "A New and Different Life," why does the author mention activities such as wheelchair basketball?
 - A to give examples of activities Terry did not enjoy
 - B to highlight how Terry's life would never be the same
 - © to show all the different activities Terry could do in a wheelchair
 - ① to introduce the activity Terry would use for his charity



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- **5.** One of the concerns that Terry shares with other cancer survivors is that ______.
 - (A) he is not going to be good at sports anymore
 - (B) his cancer could return
 - (C) there will never be a cure for the disease
 - he wouldn't be able to raise enough money for cancer research
- **6.** The author mentions Terry's sunburned and aching legs in order to
 - (A) highlight the difficulties Terry had running across Canada
 - B warn against improper road running techniques
 - © show that Terry was still learning to use his prosthetic leg
 - praise Terry for his courage and talent

- 7. The author mentions that Canada's prime minister followed Terry's race in order to ______.
 - A introduce a person who was important later on in the story
 - B criticize other countries for not being supportive
 - © show how Canada's government was fully endorsing Terry's run
 - highlight the diversity of support Terry was receiving
- **8.** Why did Terry have to stop his race across Canada?
 - (A) He missed his brother too much and wanted to see him.
 - B He had already raised enough money for cancer research.
 - © He was in too much pain from running for so long.
 - ① He got the news that his cancer had returned.



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- 9. The author mentions that "Terry's fight against cancer didn't end with his death" in order to ______.
 - A show that Terry's story still helps raise money for cancer research
 - B introduce several different cancer-research charities
 - (inspire readers to want to run marathons across Canada
 - encourage people to go into medicine to research cancer
- **10.** What was the author's purpose in writing this book?
 - A to discuss the hardships of living with cancer
 - B to highlight different ways to participate in sports
 - © to tell the story of an inspirational person
 - ① to warn readers of the dangers of ignoring physical pain

- 11. Extended Response: What were some of the things Terry did that shows readers that he was brave? Give at least two examples.
 Use evidence from the book to support your answer.
- **12. Extended Response:** How did Terry's brother, Darrel, and his friend Doug help him through challenging times in his life?

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Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

- **1.** (C) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 2. A Sequence of Events
- 3. A Main Idea and Details
- **4.** B Author's Purpose
- **5.** (B) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **6.** (A) Author's Purpose
- **7.** D Author's Purpose
- **8.** (D) Main Idea and Details
- **9.** A Author's Purpose
- **10.** ① Author's Purpose
- 11. Answers will vary. Example: Terry was a brave person because even though he got terrible news about his health, he "learned to let go of his anger" and be a positive person in the face of a scary disease. Also, Terry was brave because he learned to do difficult activities, such as going up mountains, playing basketball, and running marathons, that are even harder in a wheelchair or with a prosthetic leg.
- 12. Answers will vary. Example: When Terry was younger, he played soccer and baseball with Darrell and Doug. Terry's friendship with Doug helped him train to get better at basketball, and he received Athlete of the Year. Later when Terry was diagnosed with cancer, Doug went with him on the Marathon of Hope, drove the van, and helped him on his journey. As Terry grew tired after weeks of running, his spirits were lifted when Darrell joined him. Both Doug and Darrell were important to Terry, and they helped support him in many ways.