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

1. How did the job at the patent office help Einstein?
  - (A) He learned how to create new things.
  - (B) He saw new ideas of others and revised them.
  - (C) He met people who helped him solve problems.
  - (D) He had the freedom to work on his own ideas.
  
2. Why were scientists astounded by Einstein's writing in 1905?
  - (A) He was a twenty-six-year-old patent clerk.
  - (B) He changed the way they thought about the universe.
  - (C) He did not work in the physics department of a university.
  - (D) All of the above
  
3. Why did Einstein's boss at the patent office tell him, "When you pick up an application, think that anything the inventor says is wrong"?
  - (A) He didn't think any of the applicants could invent anything.
  - (B) He knew that Einstein thought that inventors only ever had good ideas.
  - (C) He needed Einstein to test things to find flaws and mistakes.
  - (D) He wanted to tell Einstein a joke.
  
4. In order to protect and sell an invention, an individual must be granted \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) a job
  - (B) a patent
  - (C) a Nobel Prize
  - (D) an award

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5. Which of the following words best defines Einstein?
- Ⓐ curious
  - Ⓑ patient
  - Ⓒ careful
  - Ⓓ friendly
6. Which of the following happened before Einstein changed how scientists thought about the universe?
- Ⓐ Einstein moved to the United States to avoid World War II.
  - Ⓑ Einstein's writing was published in a leading German scientific journal.
  - Ⓒ Einstein's professors helped him get a job at a good university.
  - Ⓓ Einstein received patents for many things such as computers and CDs.
7. After Germany declared war, Einstein \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ⓐ graduated from a top German science university and easily found a job
  - Ⓑ developed the Theory of Relativity while studying at Princeton
  - Ⓒ proved the existence of atoms and molecules
  - Ⓓ took a job at Princeton University in the United States
8. How did British scientists test Einstein's Theory of Relativity?
- Ⓐ by analyzing molecules and atoms
  - Ⓑ by measuring the position of a star during a solar eclipse
  - Ⓒ by observing the speed of moving objects
  - Ⓓ by reworking his formulas

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9. Which of the following is a fact about Einstein?
- Ⓐ Einstein was the smartest person who has ever lived.
  - Ⓑ Einstein only needed a table, a chair, a violin, and a bowl of fruit to be happy.
  - Ⓒ Einstein's mother encouraged him to take up the violin.
  - Ⓓ Einstein was a great violinist.
10. This book is a biography because \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ⓐ it tells you about Einstein's Theory of Relativity
  - Ⓑ it describes the life and talents of a person
  - Ⓒ it persuades you to get a good education to have a better life
  - Ⓓ it tells you how to apply for a patent
11. **Extended Responses:** Explain how Einstein's life changed in 1905.
12. **Extended Response:** What are three ways Einstein's ideas have affected your life?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Albert Einstein

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
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3. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
6. Ⓑ Sequence Events
7. Ⓓ Sequence Events
8. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓒ Fact or Opinion
10. Ⓑ Identify Genre
11. Answers will vary but should be similar to the following: *Before 1905, Einstein was only a patent office clerk, but that year he had six scientific papers published that changed the way scientists looked at the world. His fame began that year.*
12. Answers will vary but should include things such as the following: *because of Einstein's theories, what I learn in science class is different from it might have been; because of Einstein, we have many modern conveniences, too.*