

Quick Check

The Amazing Brain

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

- 1. Why did the author choose the title "Three Brains in One" for the second section?
 - A The brain has three different functions.
 - B The author compares three different brains.
 - C There are three main parts of the brain.
 - ① There are three brain hemispheres.
- 2. How are EEGs and fMRIs similar?
 - (A) They both measure the size of the brain.
 - B They both measure brain activity.
 - C They both locate a brain injury.
 - ① They both stimulate the brain to function.

- 3. Read this sentence from the text:

 If a computer could decipher

 a brain's electrical signals,

 people might learn to control

 an artificial limb. What does the

 word decipher mean?
 - (A) to fix or repair
 - (B) to control
 - (C) to decide
 - to make out the meaning of something
- **4.** Readers can use the diagram on page 9 to _____.
 - (A) see the two hemispheres of the brain
 - B understand the function of the brain stem
 - © understand how an fMRI works
 - infer why Phineas Gage's personality changed

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- **5.** What happened after Phineas Gage's accident in 1848?
 - (A) He died from the injury.
 - B He continued living just as he had before his injury.
 - ① His eyesight became stronger.
 - Scientists started to understand brain region functions.
- **6.** The author includes the information on page 15 to persuade you to _____.
 - (A) keep your brain active
 - (B) wear a helmet
 - (C) try skateboarding
 - (D) get more exercise
- 7. Which of the following is not a way to keep your brain in top condition?
 - (A) get mental exercise
 - **B** get physical exercise
 - © get plenty of sleep
 - (I) eat plenty of sugar

- **8.** Why does the author call the brain stem the *lizard brain*?
 - A The brain stem does all the same things a lizard's brain stem does.
 - B It is shaped like a lizard.
 - (C) It is named after a scientist named Lizard.
 - ① It sometimes makes a person move like a lizard.
- **9.** Read this sentence: An EEG measures signals in the brain through electrodes. What are electrodes?
 - (A) the largest part of the brain
 - B points through which electricity flows
 - © pictures taken of the brain
 - nerve cells





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- **10.** Which of the following would be considered an opinion?
 - A Everything your body does starts with tiny electrical signals in your brain.
 - B The right side of your brain controls the left side of your body.
 - © In the future, it would be great if people would be able to control other people's brains.
 - Wearing a helmet during sports helps protect your brain from injury.
- **11. Extended Response:** Explain in your own words why protecting your brain is so important.
- **12. Extended Response:** What do you think brain research will lead to for people with disabilities in the future? Explain.



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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

- **1.** (C) Main Idea and Details
- 2. B Compare and Contrast
- **3.** ① Vocabulary
- **4.** (D) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **5.** ① Sequence Events
- **6.** B Author's Purpose
- 7. (D) Main Idea and Details
- **8.** (A) Main Idea and Details
- **9.** B Vocabulary
- **10.** ① Fact or Opinion
- **11.** Answers will vary but should include information from page 15 of the text.
- **12.** Answers will vary but should include information from the book to draw conclusions or make predictions.