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

1. Which detail best supports the main idea that each feature of a hermit crab's body helps it to survive?
 - (A) Hermit crabs start as eggs.
 - (B) Hermit crabs are related to other crabs.
 - (C) Hermit crabs can be as tiny as a penny.
 - (D) Hermit crabs have two pairs of short legs that help them hold onto their shells.

2. The main purpose of this book is _____.
 - (A) to inform the reader about hermit crabs
 - (B) to entertain the reader with funny facts about hermit crabs
 - (C) to persuade the reader to buy a hermit crab for a pet
 - (D) none of the above

3. When a hermit crab **molts**, it _____.
 - (A) hides from danger
 - (B) fights with other crabs
 - (C) grows a new exoskeleton and sheds its old one
 - (D) feeds on dead fish

4. Which is not a detail about hermit crabs?
 - (A) They come in all sizes.
 - (B) They are scavengers.
 - (C) They can live to be thirty years old.
 - (D) They like to live alone.

5. When a hermit crab outgrows its shell, _____.
 - (A) it finds a bigger one
 - (B) it lays eggs
 - (C) it dies
 - (D) it gets eaten by birds

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6. Why is it good for a beach to have a lot of hermit crabs?
- Ⓐ They are funny to watch.
 - Ⓑ They provide food for the birds.
 - Ⓒ They keep beaches clean.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
7. A hermit crab's _____ help it taste water and find food.
- Ⓐ claws
 - Ⓑ antennae
 - Ⓒ eyes
 - Ⓓ mouth
8. What do hermit crabs do after they have been larvae for a few months?
- Ⓐ They find something to eat.
 - Ⓑ They find an empty shell and join a colony.
 - Ⓒ They find a mate and lay eggs.
 - Ⓓ They move onto land.
9. A hermit crab is a _____, or animal that finds and eats scraps of garbage or dead animals.
- Ⓐ predator
 - Ⓑ lobster
 - Ⓒ larvae
 - Ⓓ scavenger
10. Which detail correctly describes the biggest hermit crab?
- Ⓐ as big as a softball
 - Ⓑ as big as a penny
 - Ⓒ as big as a skateboard
 - Ⓓ as big as a backpack
11. **Extended Response:** How do hermit crabs help keep the beaches healthy?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Hermit Crabs

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers should include that hermit crabs eat dead fish and plants.