Quick Check

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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
   A) The Solar System contains eight planets that revolve around the Sun, which is a star.
   B) The Voyagers are carrying a message to other living things that may be in space, which is recorded on “Golden Records.”
   C) The Voyagers were made to collect information on Jupiter and Saturn, but have discovered much more about the Solar System.
   D) The creation of spacecraft involves careful planning and many years of preparation.

2. In which section would you expect to find information about the work that happened before the Voyagers launched into space?
   A) “The Final Task”
   B) “Neptune”
   C) “Saturn”
   D) “Planning”

3. Which of the following details describing Saturn’s moons is an opinion?
   A) Saturn’s moons are surprising.
   B) Titan, Saturn’s largest moon, has an atmosphere.
   C) Smaller moons shepherd the ice and dust in the rings.
   D) Some are large, some are small.

4. How does the timeline help readers understand the Voyagers’ historical importance?
   A) It describes the science involved in the Voyagers’ journeys.
   B) It shows all the dates when the Voyagers made discoveries.
   C) It predicts when the Voyagers will reach important landmarks.
   D) It shows all the dates involved in the creation of the Voyagers.

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5. How are Uranus and Saturn similar?
   A. They have rings.
   B. They are the same distance from the Sun.
   C. They have the same number of moons.
   D. They travel at the same speed.

6. What is one effect of planets all moving around the Sun at different speeds?
   A. The planets are always the same distance apart from the Sun and each other.
   B. The biggest planets are lined up near each other on one side, and the smallest planets are on the other side.
   C. The planets sometimes are on the same side of the Sun, and sometimes they are on different sides.
   D. The planets are spiraling farther and farther away from the Sun and each other.

7. What word means a special assignment?
   A. instruments
   B. orbits
   C. probes
   D. mission

8. Which detail supports the main idea of “The Golden Record” that the Voyagers are also carrying a message?
   A. The spacecraft were still working after thirty-five years.
   B. The message was on a “Golden Record” on the side of each spacecraft.
   C. The Voyagers’ first job was to study Jupiter and Saturn.
   D. The two spacecraft flew past all of the outer planets and many moons.
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9. Which of the following is a fact from the “The Final Task” section?
   - A. Uranus was the most interesting planet of the big four.
   - B. The Voyagers found ice sheets on one of Jupiter’s moons and volcanoes on another.
   - C. It would have been more fun to live on Jupiter than on Neptune.
   - D. In August 2012, Voyager 1 left the Solar System and began to explore the space beyond it.

10. The author wrote this book to ____________.
    - A. persuade readers to become astronauts
    - B. inform readers about the Voyagers’ accomplishments
    - C. entertain readers with stories about planets
    - D. inform readers about traveling into deep space

11. **Extended Response**: If you were an astronaut aboard one of the Voyager ships, what facts would you learn about the Solar System and what opinions would you form? Write at least two facts and two opinions. Then, write a few sentences describing what you think you would see in the mysterious regions of deep space.
Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. C Main Idea and Details
2. D Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
3. A Fact or Opinion
4. B Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. A Compare and Contrast
6. C Cause and Effect
7. D Vocabulary
8. B Main Idea and Details
9. D Fact or Opinion
10. B Author’s Purpose

11. Answers should describe two facts from the book and two opinions drawn from information in the book, and should conclude with a creative description of objects in deep space.