Comprehension

Answer Numbers 1 through 10 on your Answer Sheet. Base your answers on the article “Quest for the Tree Kangaroo.”

1. What does the word *bush* mean in the sentence below?

   We run past the tree kangaroo house, past the kunai, down a trail—and then into the trackless bush.

   A. rocky beach  
   B. sheltered cave  
   C. untouched land  
   D. well-tended gardens

2. What most likely caused the tree kangaroos to come out on the first day the researchers spotted them?

   F. the warm weather  
   G. they wanted to get collars  
   H. the snacks that Lisa held out  
   I. the quietness of the researchers

3. Read this sentence from the article.

   Like an acrobat, he catches a vine with his front paws, turns himself around, and lands on the ground on his feet.

   What is the main purpose of this sentence?

   A. to express the skill of the trackers  
   B. to show that the people are impressed  
   C. to supply scientific facts that support the main idea  
   D. to provide a detailed description of the kangaroo's movements

4. Why do the scientists have to measure the tree kangaroos' necks?

   F. A large neck is a sign of good health.  
   G. The kangaroos will be fitted with radio collars.  
   H. Neck size distinguishes the males from the females.  
   I. They are comparing kangaroo necks with human necks.
5. What will happen if the scientists do NOT examine the animals quickly?
   A. The male will attack the female.
   B. The research project will be canceled.
   C. The anesthetic will wear off before they are finished.
   D. The chances of finding other kangaroos are destroyed.

6. What does the word tracking mean in the sentence below?
   Without knowing it, the tree kangaroos will be sending their position not only to the scientists tracking them on the ground, but also to satellites circling thousands of miles above Earth.
   F. following
   G. pushing
   H. sending
   I. walking

7. What will be one effect of this day’s work with the kangaroos?
   A. The trackers will work only on Lisa’s projects.
   B. The research team will win an award for their work.
   C. The tree kangaroos will have a permanent new home.
   D. The scientists can determine the locations of individual tree kangaroos.

8. What does the word data mean in the sentence below?
   They download this information to the chips in the collars, and this data can be transferred to a computer when the collar automatically falls off, after five months.
   F. information
   G. opinion
   H. security
   I. temperature

9. Which quotation from the article does the most to show how much the researchers care about the tree kangaroos?
   A. “Now for the vitamin-mineral shot.”
   B. “Make sure the collar is comfortable but snug.”
   C. “Now we’ll take his temperature. Next the chip.”
   D. “The first collared male Matschic’s tree kangaroo.”

10. Read these sentences from the article.
    “Anesthetic machine? Gas ready? Radio collar?” Holly asks. “And is the other ‘roo OK?”
    This quotation helps the reader understand
    F. where Holly learned to do research.
    G. how the radio collar fits the kangaroo.
    H. the speed and drama of the procedure.
    I. Holly’s fear of getting hurt by a kangaroo.