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Meet Team U.S.A. February 2, 2018

Use this week's cover story to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

Identify Central Idea (RI.3.2; RI.4.2)

1. Which of the following would make another good headline for the article?

- A. "Going for the Gold"
- B. "Ice Dreams"
- C. "Games Over"
- D. "Super Matchup"

Define Words and Phrases (RI.3.4; RI.4.4)

2. What is a synonym for *average* as it is used in paragraph 1 of the passage on snowboarding?

- A. special
- B. ordinary
- C. athletic
- D. unusual

Read for Details (RI.3.1; RI.4.1)

3. Which of the following statements is true about Chloe Kim?

- A. She has never traveled to South Korea.
- B. She scored a perfect 100 in a snowboarding competition.
- C. She competed in the 2014 Winter Olympics.
- D. She never won an X Games gold medal.

Trace Arguments (RI.3.8; RI.4.8)

4. Chloe Kim's coach, Rick Bower, says Kim has "a really good work ethic." Why does Bower hold this opinion?

- A. Kim wanted to join the 2014 Winter Olympics team.
- B. Kim has appeared in popular magazines, such as *Vogue* and *Seventeen*.
- C. Kim makes doing homework interesting.
- D. Kim works on the difficult tasks of snowboarding, not just on the fun ones.

Make Inferences (RI.3.1; RI.4.1)

5. Chloe Kim would most likely agree that

- A. South Koreans do not enjoy snowboarding.
- B. doing homework is not important.
- C. it's important for team members to support each other.
- D. athletes do not get nervous before competing.

Define Words and Phrases (RI.3.4; RI.4.4)

6. What is the definition of *maneuver* as it is used in the passage on luge?

- A. to run quickly and carefully
- B. to be sneaky
- C. to develop a plan
- D. to move skillfully

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Make Connections (RI.3.3; RI.4.3)

7. Aja Evans was once a sprinter and a shot put thrower. Those experiences gave her
- A. the strength and speed to be a great bobsledder.
 - B. the skills she needed to steer a bobsled.
 - C. more talent than that her teammates have.
 - D. the skills to compete in the Summer Olympics.

Make Inferences (RI.3.1; RI.4.1)

8. Before every game, sled hockey player Josh Pauls faces a Mr. Potato Head doll toward the opposing team’s locker room. This shows that Pauls
- A. is the best player in the sport of sled hockey.
 - B. does not take his sport seriously.
 - C. has a sense of humor.
 - D. does not take his partner seriously.

Read for Detail (RI.3.1; RI.4.1)

9. According to the passage on Mikaela Shiffrin, what makes the giant slalom faster than the slalom?
- A. The giant slalom does not have gates, so athletes ski straight downhill.
 - B. The gates are farther apart in the giant slalom, which allows for more speed.
 - C. The giant slalom does not require as much skill.
 - D. There are not as many turns in the giant slalom.

Trace Arguments (RI.3.8; RI.4.8)

10. The author writes, “Shiffrin is the best slalom skier in the world.” Which sentence below best supports this claim?
- A. She is the world champion of the downhill and super G.
 - B. Downhill skiing requires great skill.
 - C. Shiffrin competes in a variety of events.
 - D. She has been the world champion in the slalom three times.

Bonus Snowboarder Chloe Kim says she gets nervous before she competes. Describe a time when you felt nervous about something. Use sensory details in your description to engage the reader’s interest. Remember what you saw, heard, touched, smelled, and tasted. Then incorporate those details into your writing.
