Jacob the Great-ANSWERS

Comprehension and Inferential Questions

1. According to the text, why does Jacob stop playing the guitar?
   a. It hurt his fingers.  b. He’d rather play drums.  c. It was too easy.  d. He failed math.

2. To whom did Jacob want to play Black Eyed Peas songs?
   a. Alex  b. Angie  c. Mom  d. Dad

3. According to the passage, why does Jacob decide that he wants a metal detector?
   a. He sees a man at the park with one.  b. His father had one as a child.  c. He saw a TV commercial for one.  d. He read an ad for one in a comic book.

4. How does Jacob get the items that he wants in the story?
   a. He asks his mom.  b. He asks his dad.  c. He shovels driveways and mows lawns.  d. He does all of these things to get what he wants.

5. When did Jacob buy the metal detector?
   a. In the fall  b. In the summer  c. In the spring  d. In the winter

6. True or False: The metal detector was a good investment for Jacob.
   a. True  b. False

7. Why doesn’t Jacob’s father want to get him the magician’s kit for his birthday?
   a. Jacob failed math class.  b. Jacob quits too many expensive activities.  c. Jacob has been mean to his younger brother.  d. Jacob went to the park without permission.

8. Why does Jacob’s father buy Jacob the magician’s kit?
   a. Jacob mowed the lawn.  b. Jacob reminded his father of himself.  c. Jacob bought ice cream for his brother.  d. Jacob found his father’s key ring.

9. Which word is closest in meaning to the italicized word in the following sentence from paragraph four: “It was no surprise that Jacob’s father was reluctant to buy him a magician’s kit for his birthday”?

10. What distracts Jacob from the magician’s kit?
    a. A TV commercial  b. His father  c. The kitchen table  d. A comic book

11. Based on the end of the story, Jacob is most likely to go on and do which of the following?
    a. Become a great magician  b. Learn to play guitar well  c. Detect an incredible hidden treasure  d. Raise money to go to space camp
12. Which happened first in the text?
   a. Jacob asked his dad for the magician’s kit.
   c. Jacob mowed lawns.
   b. Jacob got a guitar for Christmas.
   d. Jacob shoveled driveways.

13. Which happened last in the text?
   a. Jacob saved up $200.
   c. Jacob took guitar lessons.
   b. Jacob found forty-seven cents in the park.
   d. Jacob was influenced by a comic book.