Know the News:
The Toughest Job in America?

Read the article on pp. 12-15, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?
   A. The president hosts official dinners at the White House.
   B. Most of the president’s responsibilities are spelled out in the U.S. Constitution.
   C. Members of the president’s Cabinet serve as his top advisers.
   D. The presidency is one of the most powerful positions in the world, and it comes with several important responsibilities.

2. Which detail best supports that central idea?
   A. Congress is responsible for passing the budget.
   B. The president is the highest living symbol of the United States.
   C. Only Congress can declare war on another country.
   D. Abraham Lincoln stashed notes under his 7-inch-tall top hat.

3. The president is part of which branch of the federal government?
   A. executive  C. judicial
   B. legislative  D. both A and B

4. Which is an example of a president acting as the nation’s commander in chief?
   A. Harry S. Truman ordering that atomic bombs be dropped on two Japanese cities
   B. Donald Trump meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un
   C. Barack Obama addressing the Democratic National Convention
   D. Ronald Reagan meeting with Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom

5. When the president negotiates with leaders of other countries, he is acting as our nation’s _____.
   A. guardian of the economy
   B. head of foreign policy
   C. legislative leader
   D. political party leader

6. Which detail would be most important to include in a summary of the article?
   A. George Washington was president from 1789 to 1797.
   B. The president appoints federal judges.
   C. The president has seven main roles.
   D. The director of Homeland Security is part of the president’s Cabinet.

7. Which of the following statements is an opinion?
   A. The president makes major decisions on when and where troops will be deployed.
   B. Calvin Coolidge had a pet raccoon.
   C. World War II ended in 1945.
   D. U.S. presidents have too much power.

8. When the president holds a celebration at the White House to honor the winners of the Super Bowl, he is acting as our country’s _____.
   A. commander in chief
   B. head of foreign policy
   C. head of state
   D. legislative leader

9. Based on information in the article, which of the following might be a responsibility of an ambassador?
   A. to draft legislation
   B. to vote to override a president’s veto
   C. to lead troops into battle
   D. to meet with an official representative of China

10. Which statement cannot be supported by information in the article?
    A. The president has to juggle several important responsibilities at once.
    B. Each branch of the federal government can check the power of the other branches.
    C. The U.S. president is often seen as a leader on the world stage.
    D. The legislative branch is the most powerful branch of the federal government.