Know the News: The Future of Zoos

Read the article on pp. 10-14, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?
   A More than 25 zoos have closed their elephant exhibits in recent years.
   B People have been collecting and displaying animals for thousands of years.
   C Many zoos are changing the way they treat and exhibit animals.
   D Gorillas, monkeys, and bonobos at the Jacksonville Zoo have a large enclosure.

2. Which detail best supports that central idea?
   A The Philadelphia Zoo introduced a trail system for its animals that lets them cross the zoo overhead in mesh bridges and tunnels.
   B Baby animals often increase zoo attendance.
   C Studies have shown that animals in captivity suffer from anxiety, stress, and boredom.
   D The debate over keeping animals in captivity has grown more heated.

3. Based on context clues in the following statement, what does expansive mean? “The primates' expansive enclosure is a far cry from the metal cages that were once standard in zoos.”
   A cramped  C old-fashioned
   B wild  D spacious

4. How are zoos today different from in the past?
   A Zoos today are solely focused on entertainment.
   B Zoos today devote millions of dollars to conservation and research.
   C Zoos today do not breed endangered species.
   D Zoos today are no longer controversial.

5. According to zoo critics, which is one reason zoos are inhumane?
   A Some animals in captivity suffer from anxiety and stress.
   B Zoo animal enclosures have gotten larger.
   C Many animal species are endangered.
   D Jacksonville Zoo has computerized learning stations for its gorillas.

6. Why does the author mention zoos' breeding efforts for the red wolf and the black-footed ferret?
   A to emphasize how difficult it is to help wild animal populations recover
   B to show how zoos have helped prevent some species from becoming extinct
   C to highlight the importance of enclosures that reflect animals' natural habitats
   D to convince readers that zoos should not breed endangered animals

7. Which detail best supports the idea that life in captivity is often difficult for animals?
   A Zoo attendance has increased by 20 percent over the past 15 years.
   B Some endangered animals do not have a natural habitat to go back to.
   C Big cats walk in endless loops in captivity but not in the wild.
   D Many animals raised in captivity lack the skills to survive in the wild.

8. Which best describes the structure of the article?
   A chronological  C compare/contrast
   B cause and effect  D problem/solution

9. Which statement cannot be supported by information in the article?
   A Improvements in zoos will likely end the debate over keeping animals in captivity.
   B Many zoos will likely continue to transform how they treat and exhibit animals.
   C In the eyes of zoo critics, animal sanctuaries are more humane than zoos.
   D Many species are endangered because of poaching and habitat loss.

10. Which word best describes Philadelphia Zoo's animal trail system and Jacksonville Zoo's computerized learning stations for gorillas?
    A standard  C limiting
    B controversial  D innovative