Know the News

Read the article “Alone and Afraid” on pages 6-11, then answer the questions.

1. Why did Mateo leave Guatemala?
   - A. His uncle could not find a job there.
   - B. He needed to find his younger brother.
   - C. He wanted to explore a new country.
   - D. His neighborhood had gangs and drug dealers.

2. Which is a central idea of the article?
   - A. A detention center in Clint, Texas, held about 700 kids at one point.
   - B. Thousands of immigrant children have been separated from their relatives at the border.
   - C. People who are granted asylum in the U.S. can live here permanently.
   - D. Some immigrants stay in the U.S. illegally after their asylum requests are denied.

3. Which detail best supports the answer to question 2?
   - A. “Applying for asylum can take months or years.”
   - B. “That’s why the Trump administration is trying to make it harder to apply for and receive asylum.”
   - C. “Many of those removals happened because U.S. policy still lets border agents separate kids if they arrive with relatives other than their parents.”
   - D. “The places where immigrant children are being held are often crowded and uncomfortable.”

4. Where did most of the immigrant children who were separated from their relatives come from?
   - A. South America
   - B. Central America
   - C. Africa
   - D. Asia

5. Which statement is an opinion?
   - A. The U.S. put immigrant children in detention centers away from their families.
   - B. Mateo and his brother bathed only once in their first 13 days at the detention center.
   - C. The asylum process takes too long.
   - D. Honduras is plagued by gang violence.

6. Which two words are most similar in meaning?
   - A. exhausted and steady
   - B. enacted and arrested
   - C. adequate and unlimited
   - D. held and detained

7. Which is a way that the U.S. is trying to discourage people from seeking asylum?
   - A. Immigrants are usually able to live freely in the U.S. while they apply for asylum.
   - B. Border officials are limiting how many people can apply for asylum each day at official checkpoints along the border.
   - C. Officials are allowing people to remain in the U.S. after their asylum requests are denied.
   - D. The government is spending money to improve conditions at detention centers.

8. What is the main purpose of the section “Separating Families”?
   - A. to explain why many immigrant children were separated from their families
   - B. to highlight that some kids arrived in the U.S. with relatives other than their parents
   - C. to show how Congress is taking action
   - D. to argue that some Americans want tougher immigration laws

9. Why does the article mention a bill pledging $4.6 billion to help with the border crisis?
   - A. to persuade readers to collect donations
   - B. to highlight which branch of government passes bills
   - C. to show how the government is responding
   - D. to explain why many immigrants are coming to the U.S.

10. Which section provides the number of people who have tried to enter the country this year?
    - A. “Millions of Lives at Risk”
    - B. “Discouraging Asylum Seekers”
    - C. “Effects of Separation”
    - D. “Pushing for More”