Know the News: Should This Town Rebuild?

Read the article on pages 6-11, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?
   A) Many residents of Paradise, California, didn’t receive official warnings of the advancing fire.
   B) Paradise recently experienced the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in state history.
   C) Humans cause about 90 percent of wildfires.
   D) Homes made from concrete or brick are less likely to burn than those made from wood.

2. Which word best describes the tone of the article’s opening paragraphs?
   A) calm
   B) outraged
   C) sarcastic
   D) urgent

3. What does inevitable mean in the sentence on page 9 that refers to “the next, inevitable fire”?
   A) certain to happen
   B) unlikely to happen
   C) puzzling
   D) causing great damage

4. The main purpose of the section “A Growing Threat” is to _____.
   A) explain how climate change contributes to wildfires
   B) estimate the cost of the wildfire’s damage
   C) state how many acres burned in the wildfire
   D) describe how wildfires benefit the environment

5. Why might the author have included results from a poll by the University of California, Berkeley?
   A) to encourage people to move from forests or grasslands to cities
   B) to support the claim that some people will accept regulations that will protect them from wildfires
   C) to educate readers about how firefighters battle blazes
   D) to argue that government officials shouldn’t tell people what to do with their private property

6. Which of these statements is an opinion?
   A) Concrete is less likely to burn than wood.
   B) Wildfires are common in the western U.S.
   C) Officials should stop people from building homes in areas that are at risk for fires.
   D) Josh Fisher has been battling wildfires in California for more than 20 years.

7. Which detail would be least important to include in a summary of the article?
   A) A 2018 wildfire in Paradise, California, killed 85 people and burned more than 150,000 acres.
   B) Climate change is making wildfires bigger and more destructive.
   C) Officials are encouraging residents to keep their yards clear of materials that may catch fire.
   D) Many people donated clothes to wildfire victims.

8. The article says, “Many at-risk towns need more-efficient evacuation routes.” Which of the following can best be described as efficient?
   A) a teen who acted in a school play
   B) a worker who completed all of her tasks quickly and properly
   C) a student who struggled with writing a paper
   D) a baseball player who struck out

9. Which best describes the structure of the section “How to Stay Safe”?
   A) cause/effect
   B) compare/contrast
   C) problem/solution
   D) sequence

10. Which of the following statements cannot be supported by information in the article?
    A) A warming climate increases the risk of wildfires and other natural disasters.
    B) People who live in high-risk areas need to be prepared for wildfires.
    C) State officials will soon pass a law stopping people from building homes in or near forests.
    D) California is likely to experience more fires.