Know the News: “We’re the Generation That’s Going to End It”

Read the article, then answer these questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?
   A. Christine Yared survived the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.
   B. The National Rifle Association is a powerful gun lobby.
   C. Students across the country are calling for tighter gun control laws in the aftermath of the Parkland shooting.
   D. Republicans and people in rural areas tend to favor protecting gun rights.

2. Which statement best supports that central idea?
   A. “Their activism has inspired other students across the country to follow their lead and conduct rallies . . . and other protests.”
   B. “Congress hasn’t passed meaningful gun reform laws in decades.”
   C. “Today’s teens have grown up in a world reshaped by school shootings.”
   D. “Some states have taken steps to loosen gun restrictions.”

3. What is the author’s purpose in the article’s opening paragraphs?
   A. to explain how the student movement began
   B. to demonstrate why Alex Wind and his classmates are passionate about gun control
   C. to show that the Parkland students have been directly affected by gun violence
   D. all of the above

4. What does impassioned mean in this sentence?
   “Parkland senior Emma González . . . became an overnight celebrity after her impassioned speech about guns went viral.”
   A. heartfelt
   B. unemotional
   C. long
   D. troubling

5. Which best describes the structure of the section “A National Movement”?
   A. cause and effect
   B. chronological
   C. compare/contrast
   D. problem/solution

6. Which statement best supports the claim that the Parkland students are facing “an uphill battle”?
   A. “Some retailers have also taken steps to limit the sale of firearms.”
   B. “Americans are so divided on the issue.”
   C. “Many students say their activism is helping them grieve.”
   D. “Unlike previous generations, young people today have spent years practicing active-shooter drills.”

7. Which of these statements is an opinion?
   A. Democrats and people in cities tend to favor tighter gun restrictions.
   B. A mass shooting took place at Columbine High School in 1999.
   C. The more people who carry weapons, the more likely it is that someone will use one to kill.
   D. Some lawmakers have suggested that teachers be armed as a way to deter school shooters.

8. What is the main purpose of the map on p. 6?
   A. to encourage readers to learn more about guns
   B. to show the importance of background checks
   C. to point out that Texas and Colorado do not ban assault weapons
   D. to highlight how gun laws vary by state

9. In the section “Tragedy Into Action,” the quote from Caroline Kassir suggests that she is _____.
   A. angry
   B. hopeful
   C. disappointed
   D. fearful

10. Which of the following statements cannot be supported by information in the article?
    A. The debate over guns is likely to continue.
    B. Florida lawmakers will soon vote to ban assault weapons.
    C. The controversy surrounding guns makes it difficult to gather support for new legislation.
    D. Parkland students are determined to have their voices heard.