Know the News: A Whole New Ball Game

Read the article, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?
   A. The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) was created to keep Americans interested in baseball.
   B. The creation of the AAGPBL opened doors for women in professional sports.
   C. Title IX made it possible for women to play professional sports.
   D. World War II led to many women taking on nontraditional roles.

2. What is the main purpose of the timeline?
   A. to explain the purpose and success of Title IX
   B. to show some obstacles female athletes face
   C. to show some of the pioneering athletes and events in women’s sports history
   D. to show women in nontraditional roles

3. What was the goal of the Rosie the Riveter ads?
   A. to balance participation in men’s and women’s sports
   B. to encourage factories to produce more weapons, ships, and planes for the war effort
   C. to persuade more women to take on jobs vacated by men fighting in the war
   D. to recruit female baseball players

4. What is one effect World War II had on major-league baseball?
   A. African-Americans were allowed to play.
   B. Attendance at games hit an all-time high.
   C. Many of the players left to serve in the military.
   D. President Franklin D. Roosevelt wanted to suspend the baseball season.

5. How did women’s roles change during the war?
   A. Many women went to work in factories and at other jobs previously held by men.
   B. More women chose to stay home and manage their households.
   C. Women gained gender equality in sports.
   D. Women became leaders in the U.S. military.

6. What did scouts look for when recruiting players for the new women’s baseball league?
   A. Women who were working in factories.
   B. Women who were better at the game of baseball than major-league ballplayers.
   C. Women who were white, had athletic talent, were attractive, and behaved appropriately.
   D. Women who were willing to wear shorts with a skirt.

7. Why did team owners require women in the professional baseball league to act “ladylike”?
   A. They didn’t want the women’s games to outsell major-league games.
   B. They thought it was the only way fans would accept the idea of a women’s league.
   C. They wanted to hide the women’s athleticism.
   D. They thought it would boost fans’ patriotism.

8. Which does Title IX require public schools and colleges to do?
   A. cut men’s sports teams in order to create more women’s teams
   B. provide male and female students with equal access to sports
   C. spend more money on football and basketball programs
   D. support wrestling teams at Division I schools

9. What does novelty mean in this sentence? “Many people at the first games went only for the novelty of seeing women play baseball.”
   A. embarrassment
   B. honor
   C. newness or unusualness
   D. shock

10. Which of these women’s sports organizations or events is oldest?
    A. AAGPBL
    B. Ladies Professional Golf Association
    C. Women’s National Basketball Association
    D. Women’s World Cup