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Around the World at 17 Quiz

Directions: Read the article "Around the World at 17," and answer these questions.

1. What record did Zac set?
 - Ⓐ He sailed around the world the fastest.
 - Ⓑ He was the first person to sail around the world alone before the age of 18.
 - Ⓒ His boat was the tiniest to make it around the globe.
 - Ⓓ He made the fewest stops around the world.

2. What can you conclude about Zac from this article?
 - Ⓐ He is motivated to break records.
 - Ⓑ He likes to follow in other people's footsteps.
 - Ⓒ He is shy.
 - Ⓓ He likes to take on big challenges.

3. What happened first?
 - Ⓐ Zac spent four months preparing his sailboat.
 - Ⓑ Zac worked summer jobs to save money for a boat.
 - Ⓒ Zac sailed into Marina del Rey.
 - Ⓓ Pirates followed Zac.

4. Excluding North America, which continent did Zac sail past last?
 - Ⓐ South America
 - Ⓑ Asia
 - Ⓒ Australia
 - Ⓓ Africa

5. What does **harrowing** mean in the following sentence: "Zac made it safely around the planet—but not without some **harrowing** moments"?
 - Ⓐ extremely distressing
 - Ⓑ exciting
 - Ⓒ regrettable
 - Ⓓ memorable

6. Which of the following details show that Zac had a lot of personal time on his trip?
 - Ⓐ The boat's entire electrical system shorted out.
 - Ⓑ He made many new friends.
 - Ⓒ He read almost 70 books.
 - Ⓓ He plans to write a book.

7. Which of the following is TRUE?
 - Ⓐ Zac's favorite part of his adventure was meeting new people.
 - Ⓑ Everyone should be inspired by Zac's achievement.
 - Ⓒ Sailing is a fun and educational hobby for young people.
 - Ⓓ It's better to break the mold than to do what people expect.

8. How could you best restate Zac's message to teens?
 - Ⓐ Seek expert advice before you try something new.
 - Ⓑ Explore the world by learning to sail.
 - Ⓒ If your plan doesn't work out, give up on it.
 - Ⓓ Follow your dream no matter what other people think of it.

9. What were two things Zac liked most about his trip? Why did he like them?

10. Zac was in a few dangerous situations during his journey. What do you think he learned from them?

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