The Giant Panda

Website: https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/giant-panda
Live Camera: https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos/livecam/panda-cam

The panda is one of the cutest bears. If you ever ran into a panda outside, would you be afraid of it? Well, maybe. It's a big animal so it's a little scary. On the hand, it's mostly vegetarian and eats <u>bamboo</u>. Scariness aside, the Panda is loved across the world and is an important national <u>symbol</u> of China. Let's learn some rare facts about the giant panda.

Now visit the website. Look at the "Fun Facts" on the right side of the webpage:

1) How many times a day can a panda poop?
   a. Once
   b. Twice
   c. Thrice
   d. Fifty

2) What is a favorite circus trick of the panda?
   a. Hang from one arm
   b. Jump super high
   c. Somersaults
   d. Hold its breath underwater

3) How many sounds does the panda make?
   a. They're silent
   b. Five sounds
   c. Ten sounds
   d. Twelve sounds

Go to this section: ABOUT

4) Look at the section "How did the panda get its colors?" What is the real purpose of the panda's black and white colors?
   a. To hide from predators
   b. To hide from friends
   c. No one really knows
   d. The forest used to be a different color

5) Go the paragraph that being with "Are giant pandas bears?" What kind of animal is the panda? (**Circle more than one**)
   a. Mammal
   b. Bear
   c. Marsupial
   d. Mythical

6) Go to the paragraph that begins with "Male pandas often perform…". Why on earth would a panda do a headstand?
   a. To be cute
   b. To be funny
   c. To leave its smell high in a tree
   d. To dig for roots better

7) Look at the first paragraph. What do pandas need to survive? (**Circle more than one**)
   a. <u>Old growth forests</u>
   b. Two types of bamboo trees
   c. Access to water
   d. Koala friends

8) Find the paragraph beginning with "Pandas use their teeth to peel…" What is on the panda's dinner menu? (**Circle more than one**)
   a. Chicken
   b. Baboo leaves
   c. Grasses
   d. Rodents
   e. Fruits
   f. Bamboo tree stems

9) Read the first paragraph. Which sentence best describes how the panda is most of the time?
   a. They love company
   b. They are party animals
   c. They mostly live alone
   d. They live in small families

10) Find the paragraph beginning with "Giant pandas are only about the size…" How does the mother panda care for its baby?
   a. Mothers hold the baby for several days as it grows
   b. Mothers leave babies alone
   c. Mothers leave babies in the den and search for food

11) About how many giant pandas exist in the wild?
   a. One hundred
   b. One thousand
   c. A little less than two thousand

12) Go to paragraph starting with "Low…" What is a low reproductive rate?
   a. Pandas give birth to small, light babies
   b. Pandas only have one or two babies
   c. Pandas can't find other pandas to <u>mate</u>
   d. Pandas can't have <u>triplets</u>

13) Go to the top of this page and visit the live cam. What is the panda doing most of the time and why? Answer using two sentences.

Color in your own giant panda. Don't forget to give him or her a name, age, and favorite circus trick!

Your animal's name _____

Your animal's Age _____

Your animal's favorite trick _____

Answer Key

1. D
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. A, B
6. C
7. A, B
8. B, C, D, E, F
9. C
10. A
11. C
12. B
13. **Pandas sit around and eat a lot. This is probably what the panda is doing.**

Glossary

Bamboo (Bam-boo)	A type of flowering plant. It's more of a grass than a tree. It grows fast and pandas eat a lot of bamboo.
Marsupial (Mar-soup-e-al*)*	A type of mammal that usually carries its baby in a pouch. Common examples include koalas, kangaroos, opossums.
Mate (Mate)	The animal you make a baby with
Old Growth Forest (Old-Grow-th-Four-est)	Forests that have not been damaged by people and have trees that are babies, young, old, fallen, and rotten.
Symbol (*Sim-bole*)	Something that is important for another person or country
Triplets (Trip-lits)	Like twins but they come in threes