Use the texts “Swimming for Her Life” and “Dreams” to answer the questions below.

1. Summarize the poem AND the article. This can be done on the back.

2. All of the following details from the article help you understand why simply competing in the Olympics was a victory for Yusra EXCEPT which?
   a. Civil war broke out in Syria when Yusra was 13.
   b. Yusra’s coach thought she was a talented swimmer.
   c. Yusra traveled 1,000 miles in 25 days to get from Syria to Germany.
   d. Yusra and her sister swam for 3.5 hours to save themselves and the other refugees.

3. On page 12, the author most likely includes the detail about Yusra losing her shoes in the water to
   a. explain why Yusra was upset.
   b. convey the difficulty and drama of Yusra’s situation.
   c. show that shoes aren’t important.
   d. reveal that Yusra had only one pair of shoes.

4. Which pair of words best describes the mood of the passage about Yusra’s journey to Germany in the section “Dangerous Journey”?
   a. amused, joyous
   b. surprised, confusing
   c. calm, content
   d. tense, anxious

5. The statements below all support the answer to question 3 EXCEPT which one?
   a. The author describes the boat’s motor stopping and the water filling the boat.
   b. The author states that Yusra and her sister slept in fields and churches.
   c. The author writes that some businesses would not sell food to Yusra and Sarah.
   d. The author writes that Yusra traveled with a group of about 30 refugees.

6. Which of the following states the central idea of the poem?
   a. Dreams give our lives meaning.
   b. Dreams are like birds.
   c. People should not follow their dreams.
   d. People should change their dreams.

7. Both the article and the poem
   a. argue that it’s important to let go of dreams.
   b. reveal that under different circumstances, Yusra might have won a medal at the Olympics.
   c. show that having dreams helps give life purpose.
   d. explain that refugees face many challenges.

8. Consider the poem’s first line: “Hold fast to dreams.” Why was it important for Yusra to hold fast to her dreams? Use text evidence in your answer, and you can complete this on the back.