Read the article and the poem about penguins, and then answer the questions that follow.

**Penguins**  
*by Melvin and Gilda Berger*

1. Penguins live on the ice of the Antarctic. They have wings—yet they can’t fly! But the penguins are terrific swimmers and divers. They plunge into the icy ocean to catch their meals of fish, squid, and krill. Some can stay underwater for up to six minutes.

2. After a long dive, penguins shoot up out of the water. They look like rockets being launched. The birds gulp a quick breath of air. Then they splash back down into the water.

3. Sometimes the penguins leap onto the ice. Once there, penguins are slow and clumsy walkers. But they have a way to move quickly. They drop onto their bellies and push themselves forward with feet and flippers. *ZOOM!* Away they go, sliding across the ice!

4. The biggest penguins of all are the emperor penguins. They are about as tall and heavy as third graders! Like other penguins, they spend most of their time diving for food. When it is time to nest, they jump out of the water and plop on the ice.
Each female lays a single egg on the ice. Then she heads back to the water. Her mate rolls the egg onto his feet and covers it with a flap of skin. Then he joins other males in a large circle. They huddle together to keep warm.

The males keep the eggs on their feet for a couple of months. During that time they do not eat. They lose about half their weight. Finally, the eggs hatch and the chicks are born.

By now, the females are back. They take over the care of the chicks. The males march off to the ocean. There, they fill their empty stomachs with food.

In a few weeks, the males return with food. Now both parents feed and protect their chicks. Six months later, the offspring are fully grown. Off they go. They’re big enough to care for themselves.

My Father’s Feet

To keep myself up off the ice,
I find my father’s feet are nice.
I snuggle in his belly fluff,
And that’s how I stay warm enough.

But when my father takes a walk,
My cozy world begins to rock.
He shuffles left, I hold on tight.

Oh no! He’s wobbling to the right.
Not left again! Oops, here he goes.

Do you suppose my father knows
I’m hanging on to his warm toes?

—Judy Sierra
Mark your choices for multiple-choice questions 12 through 16 by filling in the circle next to the best answer.

12. Based on paragraph 2 of the article, why do penguins "shoot up out of the water"?
   - A. to hide
   - B. to hunt
   - C. to breathe
   - D. to exercise

13. Based on the article, which would be the best heading for paragraphs 1-3?
   - A. Big Birds
   - B. On the Move
   - C. On Their Own
   - D. A Meal Fit for a King

14. Based on the article, which of the following happens last?
   - A. The female penguin lays an egg.
   - B. The male penguin goes to the ocean to eat.
   - C. The male penguin protects the egg with his feet.
   - D. The female penguin comes back from the ocean.
15 Based on the article and the poem, why do male penguins put their eggs and chicks on their feet?

- The ice is very cold.
- The sun is very bright.
- The young penguins are shy.
- The other penguins are dangerous.

16 Read the sentence from paragraph 1 of the article in the box below.

They plunge into the icy ocean to catch their meals of fish, squid, and krill.

Based on the article, which word could be used instead of *plunge*?

- fly
- turn
- dive
- look
Question 17 is a short-response question. Write your answer to question 17 in the lined space below.

17. In “My Father’s Feet,” explain how the young penguin’s feelings change throughout the poem.
Washing my father's feet. Early in the morning on weekends, my mother used to come with a glass of water and wash my father's feet with utmost devotion. It is an old Indian tradition. Even though my father had just taken a shower, still she would wash his feet. She also used to wash his feet before he went to the temple. My mother used to touch my father's feet in front of her children, servants everyone. When my mother used to do that, our love for her would increase. We all had tremendous respect for our mother. Find father feet stock images in HD and millions of other royalty-free stock photos, illustrations and vectors in the Shutterstock collection. Thousands of new, high-quality pictures added every day. At My Father's Feet. By Julene Jolley. I have never been a relaxed airplane passenger. My heart pounds frantically, my palms become damp, and my feet tap rhythmically from takeoff to landing. My father had given up smoking 11 years earlier, but the damage had already been done. The morning before my journey began, I had received a call from my sister telling me that Dad was not doing well and that I needed to come right away to say good-bye. Dancing on My Father's Feet: A Bible Study Devotional for Women by Carol Berubee. Estimated delivery 3-12 business days. Format Paperback. 23.12.2009. It's 2 a.m. and I'm thinking about my father's feet. There was a time when I was six or seven and my parents were pastoring a small rural church in Warden, Washington. My memories of this place were just solidifying with the ability to remember. Before that I have brief glimpses of Canada...