READING A MAGAZINE ARTICLE
FORMATIVE TEST

Read the article and answer the following questions.

SNOWSHOES—OR SNOW SHOVELS?

WINTER

SUMMER

ANIMAL: COLLARD LEMMING
HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly areas

Collared lemmings are the only rodents whose coat changes to white. And they have another wild adaptation to winter: As snow starts to fall, lemmings grow oversize claws on the third and fourth toes of their front feet. This allows them to dig tunnels in the snow all winter. Staying below the surface helps them avoid predators while they shovel for food. By spring, their burrowing wears down their claws to a normal size.

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Answer the following questions based on the article.

1. What is the title of the article? _____

2. What animal is it? _____

3. Where does the animal live? _____

4. What is the color of the animal during summer?
   a. white
   b. brown
   c. gray

5. What is the color of the animal during winter?
   a. white
   b. brown
   c. gray

6. What happens to this animal when snow starts to fall?

   _____

7. What is the function of the oversize claws?

   _____

8. Mention two reasons why the animal stay in tunnels during winter.

   a. _____

   b. _____

9. From what magazine is this article taken? _____

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