

Rikki-tikki-tavi **Rudyard Kipling** (Page 229)

Reading Comprehension. Write the letter of the *best* answer to each question.
(10 points each)

1. Rikki-tikki is all of the following *except*
 - a. courageous
 - b. curious
 - c. lazy
 - d. happy
2. Rikki-tikki avoids being killed by the snakes by
 - a. running away
 - b. climbing out of their reach
 - c. jumping out of the way
 - d. calling Teddy's father
3. Nag and Nagaina decide to kill the people so that
 - a. Rikki-tikki will die of sorrow
 - b. they can have the garden to themselves
 - c. they can get revenge for Karait's death
 - d. all the small birds and animals again will fear them
4. How did Rikki-tikki learn about fighting poisonous snakes?
 - a. His mother had taught him how to fight them.
 - b. He had practiced on small, harmless snakes.
 - c. The garden birds told him how to fight.
 - d. He knew instinctively how to fight them.
5. What is Nag and Nagaina's plan to get rid of Rikki-tikki?
 - a. To corner him and, together, to kill him the first dark night
 - b. To scare him away by threats and force, if necessary
 - c. To kill the family and so force Rikki-tikki to go elsewhere
 - d. To wait till their children can help them kill Rikki-tikki
6. How does the fight with Nag in the bathroom end?
 - a. Rikki-tikki kills Nag and leaves him to be found the next morning.
 - b. He has a firm hold on Nag's head, and the man shoots Nag.
 - c. The man comes, kills Nag with a gun, and saves Rikki-tikki's life.
 - d. Rikki-tikki is about to attack Nag when the man comes and shoots the snake.
7. Why is Rikki-tikki anxious to find where Nagaina keeps her eggs?
 - a. He wishes to stay away from her and her nest.
 - b. He hopes to surprise and kill her there, and then eat the eggs.
 - c. He is hungry and wants to eat the eggs.
 - d. He wishes to destroy the eggs before they hatch into poisonous snakes.
8. While Rikki-tikki is busy with the eggs, what does Nagaina do?
 - a. She catches and eats the mother bird.
 - b. She goes to look at Nag, lying dead on the trash heap.
 - c. She goes to kill the people in the house.
 - d. She goes into the garden to eat a baby bird.

9. How is Nagaina prevented from biting Teddy?
- a. Rikki-tikki holds her while Teddy's father shoots her.
 - b. Rikki-tikki distracts her while Teddy's father pulls him away.
 - c. Teddy's father drives her away with a long stick.
 - d. Rikki-tikki bites her severely and then takes her egg away.
10. What happens to Nagaina in the end?
- a. Teddy's father shoots her with a gun.
 - b. She slips into a rat hole and escapes.
 - c. Rikki-tikki follows her into her underground den and kills her.
 - d. She races through a hole in the garden wall and disappears forever.