A Lizard with a Blue Tongue

Name: _____

1. According to the article, what is a disadvantage of a blue tongued skink's body being close to the ground?

   a. It's body absorbs too much heat from the ground.
   b. It cannot quickly run away from predators.
   c. It cannot fit into spaces like logs, under leaf litter, or in burrows.

2. Compared with other reptiles, the blue-tongued skink is generally more...

   a. gentle
   b. poisonous
   c. fearful

3. In the sentence below what word means the same as the underlined word?
   Within a few days, they're off to **fend** for themselves.
   a. neglect b. protect c. harm

4. In the sentence below what is the meaning of the underlined word
   When it loses it's a tail later, tail will regenerate.
   a. find a new generation
   b. vanish into thin air
   c. grow back

5. In the article "A Lizard with a Blue Tongue" What is the author's view point of this reptile?
   a. This reptile is very frightening with strange characteristics
   b. This reptile makes a great pet
   c. This reptile is unique with peculiar characteristics.

6. From the article what evidence supports the author's view point?
   The author mentions in the article…
   a. frightening experiences the lizard encountered.

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b. a vivid description of the animal along with its characteristics

c. a list of reasons why the animal would make a great pet

7. According to the information in the article, how are blue-tongued skinks similar to mammals?

   a. They are warm-blooded
   b. They have hairs on their body
   c. The females give birth to live young

8. Describe two ways the blue-tongued skink can defend itself from predators.

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9. Match each vocabulary word from the reading passage with the correct definition.

   (drag and drop)

   a. tunnels or holes dug by small animals _____

   b. an animal that hunts and eats other animals _____

   c. frightening; catching off guard _____

startling
burrows
predator

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