Read the text below.
For questions 1-5 choose the correct answer A,B,C or D

Tick Attack!

What's small, has eight legs and lives off the blood of mammals? The answer is: a tick.

A These small creatures spread different diseases. You can come into contact with them when you are outdoors, especially in grass, woods or bushes. They can attach themselves anywhere on your body, but their favourite areas are warm and moist, for example armpits, ears, hair, or behind the knee.

B The most feared disease spread by ticks is Lyme disease. Apart from a typical rash, many of its symptoms are often similar to symptoms of the flu: fever, chills, body aches, headaches or fatigue. You should see a doctor immediately if you have any of these symptoms and have been in areas where ticks live.

C If you want to avoid ticks, always wear long trousers and tuck them into your socks when outdoors. You should also spray lots of bug repellent on your clothes. When you are back home, you should always check your body and your pet's.

D But what to do if you find a tick on your body? You shouldn't squeeze it or put any cream on it. To remove it properly, you should grasp the tick close to your skin with a pair of tweezers and pull it. If you are not able to do it, go quickly to the doctor's. Time is very important here: the faster the tick is removed, the less chance there will be of any health complications.

Are you scared already? Don't be. Not all ticks carry Lyme disease, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

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1 Paragraph A tells you

A how your body reacts to a tick bite

B what type of ticks spread diseases

C where you can get bitten by ticks

D what ticks are

2 Lyme disease can be confused with

A the flu

B an allergy

C a headache

D tiredness

3 To protect yourself from tick bites, you should NOT

A put insect repellent on your body

B wear shorts

C take your dog to the forest

D check yourself and your pet

4 Paragraph D of the text

A tells you what cream you should apply to a tick bite

B advises you how to remove a tick in the right way

C teaches you how to use tweezers

D explains why you must always see your doctor about every tick bite

5 According to the text, if a tick bites you

A you should feel sorry

B it's always safe

C you have to try to remove it fast

D you will always get sick

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