Tales of Mystery and Imagination

Review: The Black Cat & The Masque of the Red Death

1) Choose the correct option

1. In The Black Cat, the narrator's "disease" was:
2. The word "gallows" (in the white mark on the cat's chest) refers to:
3. In The Masque of the Red Death, a "masque" is:
4. "Gloom" (used to describe the seventh room and the whole castle) means:

2) Put the moments of the stories into order

The Black Cat

__. The narrator kills his wife with an axe when she stops him from killing the new cat.

__. The narrator cuts out one of Pluto's eyes in a drunken state.

__. The police hear a scream coming from behind the cellar wall and pull it down.

__. The narrator hangs Pluto from a tree.

__. The narrator finds a new black cat with a white mark on its chest.

__. The narrator hides his wife's body behind a brick wall in the cellar.

The Masque of the Red Death

__. Prince Prospero chases the stranger through the six rooms with his sword.

__. Prince Prospero invites a thousand friends to hide in his castle.

__. A mysterious masked figure dressed as the Red Death appears at midnight.

__. The guests discover there is nothing inside the stranger's clothes and mask.

__. Prince Prospero locks the castle gates and throws away the keys.

__. Prince Prospero falls dead in the black room, and one by one, all the guests die too.

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3) True or False

1. In The Black Cat, the narrator loved animals more than people. ____

2. Pluto was the name of the narrator's dog. ____

3. The second cat had lost one eye, just like Pluto. ____

4. The police found nothing unusual when they first searched the house. ____

5. In The Masque of the Red Death, everybody, including Prince Prospero, was terrified of the Red Death from the start. ____

6. The seventh room was black with blood-red windows. ____

7. The clock in the black room chimed happily and nobody paid attention to it. ____

8. Prince Prospero was the last person to die at the ball. ____

4) Match each character with its description

Description	Character
1. ____ I was cruel to the animal I once loved, and later killed my own wife.	A. Pluto / the black cat
2. ____ I refused to be troubled by the disease outside my castle walls.	B. The narrator (The Black Cat)
3. ____ I sat silently on top of the dead woman's head when the police found her.	C. Prince Prospero
4. ____ I was a large, clever, beautiful animal who lost an eye to my owner's cruelty.	D. The masque red death
5. ____ I walked silently through the seven rooms and no one dared to touch me.	

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