THE SPECKLED BAND – SHERLOCK HOLMES

Read the story carefully. Then, solve the following exercises.

1. **Put in order these events from the night of Julia's death.**

- [ ] a. Helen called for her stepfather.
- [ ] b. Helen heard a whistle.
- [ ] c. Julia cried: "Help me, Helen, I'm dying!"
- [ ] d. Helen heard a noise like metal falling.
- [ ] e. Helen heard her sister scream.
- [ ] f. Helen ran into the corridor.
- [ ] g. Julia went into her bedroom.
- [ ] h. Helen threw her arms round her sister.
- [ ] i. Julia opened her bedroom door.
- [ ] j. Julia fell to the ground.
- [ ] k. Julia locked her bedroom door.
- [ ] l. Julia screamed: "The speckled band!"

2. **Are the following statements True or False?**

- [ ] a. Dr Roylott didn't need the girls' money because he received £750 a year from his dead wife.
- [ ] b. Helen had to move into her sister's bedroom because there was a problem in her room's wall.
- [ ] c. There was bell-rope over Julia's bed for calling a servant, but it didn't work.
- [ ] d. There was an air-vent on the wall between Julia's room and Helen's.

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- [ ] e. Dr Roylott kept a cat in a large metal box in his room.
- [ ] f. Holmes realized that Helen was in danger.
- [ ] g. Holmes knew that there was an air-vent between the two rooms because Helen had told him.
- [ ] h. Julia's bed was fixed to the floor, under the bell-rope.
- [ ] i. Holmes wanted Helen to spend the night in Julia's room.

3. Choose the correct option

1. What does Helen do to signal that her stepfather is asleep and she is going to her own room?
   - ○ turn the lights off and on
   - ○ whistle loudly
   - ○ place a lantern in the window
   - ○ call Holmes and Watson
2. What are some of the clues which help Holmes solve the mystery?
   - ○ a broken mirror, bad luck and papers on the floor
   - ○ a set of false teeth and a cheetah
   - ○ a metal cabinet, a chair, a wall ventilator, and a bell rope
   - ○ a broken window, muddy footprints, and a walking stick
3. What would happen to the money from Julia and Helen's mother if either of them married?
   - ○ it would go to Dr. Roylott
   - ○ it would go to the gypsies
   - ○ it would go to Helen and Julia
   - ○ Helen and Julia would split the money with Dr. Roylott
4. What kind of people does Dr. Roylott let camp outside on the family estate?
   - ○ thieves
   - ○ army troops
   - ○ gypsies
   - ○ family members
5. The bell rope was for Julia or Helen to call for help but...
   - ○ it didn't work
   - ○ they didn't have servants
6. What is the motive for the murder?
   - ○ jealousy
   - ○ revenge
   - ○ money

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7. Who is the murderer in the story?
   - Dr. Roylott
   - Dr. Hilsham
   - Helen Stoner
   - Sherlock Holmes

8. What is the murder weapon?
   - an Indian snake
   - an army revolver
   - poisoned food

9. Helen is about to
   - write a mystery novel
   - move to America
   - get married
   - take a new job

10. The ventilator in Julia's room led to...
    - Helen's room
    - her stepfather's room

11. What did Dr. Roylott use the whistle to do?
    - train the snake to call it back to his room
    - train the snake to take a break
    - train the snake to look for mice
    - train the snake to dance

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