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I. Read the passage and complete the sentences below.

Tigers: They're big, brave and scary, right? Well, not necessarily it seems, if we believe this story from a zoo in China.

The Chongqing Wild Animal Park has five rare adult white tigers. The original idea was to train them and make them tame enough to perform tricks for visitors, but it now seems that the process may have gone a bit too far.

According to one of their keepers, the tigers have started to lose their true nature because they've been cared for by humans and now have quite a comfortable lifestyle. Keepers have been trying to get them to follow their natural instincts by teaching them to hunt, but the results so far are not encouraging.

The keeper says: "It was quite funny really. The tigers were so scared of other live animals. They wouldn't go near them." In the end, the tigers did work up enough courage to approach a potential meal but only because it had passed out. The problem was, when it regained consciousness and started making noises, they immediately ran for cover.

So, how do you make a cowardly tiger brave again? In an attempt to toughen them up, the keepers are now not allowing them to stay in their heated cages for more than 12 hours a day. If this doesn't do the trick, the next plan is to put a wild tiger in with them to show them how things are supposed to be done. But perhaps you've already spotted the fault with this: what if the domesticated tigers are afraid of their wild cousin? "If all else fails", says their keeper, "we will just

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have to cut down their food till they have no choice but to find food for themselves."

1. According to the writer, tigers are

   a. probably less frightening than they seem.
   b. usually thought of as brave animals.
   c. easier to domesticate than expected.

2. The Wild Animal Park wanted the tigers to

a. entertain visitors.

b. return to the wild.

c. appear more scary.

3. The problem with the tigers is that they

a. have become dependent on people.

b. were born and brought up in the zoo.

c. seem to be too difficult to train.

4. The tigers went up to one animal because

a. it was less aggressive.

b. it had lost consciousness.

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they had got used to it.

5. The keepers are now trying to change the tigers' behaviour by

a. putting them with wild tigers.

b. making their cages less comfortable.

c. keeping them outside for longer.

6. In the end, the zoo may have to

a. teach the tigers to hunt.

b. let the tigers go Free.

c. feed the tigers less.

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