Rikki-tikki-tavi Rudyard Kipling *(Page 229)*

Reading Comprehension. Write the letter of the *best* answer to each question. (*10 points each*)

1. Rikki-tikki is all of the following *except*
   a. courageous
   b. curious
   c. lazy
   d. happy

2. Rikki-tikki avoids being killed by the snakes by
   a. running away
   b. climbing out of their reach
   c. jumping out of the way
   d. calling Teddy's father

3. Nag and Nagaina decide to kill the people so that
   a. Rikki-tikki will die of sorrow
   b. they can have the garden to themselves
   c. they can get revenge for Karait's death
   d. all the small birds and animals again will fear them

4. How did Rikki-tikki learn about fighting poisonous snakes?
   a. His mother had taught him how to fight them.
   b. He had practiced on small, harmless snakes.
   c. The garden birds told him how to fight.
   d. He knew instinctively how to fight them.

5. What is Nag and Nagaina's plan to get rid of Rikki-tikki?
   a. To corner him and, together, to kill him the first dark night
   b. To scare him away by threats and force, if necessary
   c. To kill the family and so force Rikki-tikki to go elsewhere
   d. To wait till their children can help them kill Rikki-tikki

6. How does the fight with Nag in the bathroom end?
   a. Rikki-tikki kills Nag and leaves him to be found the next morning.
   b. He has a firm hold on Nag's head, and the man shoots Nag.
   c. The man comes, kills Nag with a gun, and saves Rikki-tikki's life.
   d. Rikki-tikki is about to attack Nag when the man comes and shoots the snake.

7. Why is Rikki-tikki anxious to find where Nagaina keeps her eggs?
   a. He wishes to stay away from her and her nest.
   b. He hopes to surprise and kill her there, and then eat the eggs.
   c. He is hungry and wants to eat the eggs.
   d. He wishes to destroy the eggs before they hatch into poisonous snakes.

8. While Rikki-tikki is busy with the eggs, what does Nagaina do?
   a. She catches and eats the mother bird.
   b. She goes to look at Nag, lying dead on the trash heap.
   c. She goes to kill the people in the house.
   d. She goes into the garden to eat a baby bird.

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9. How is Nagaina prevented from biting Teddy?
   a. Rikki-tikki holds her while Teddy's father shoots her.
   b. Rikki-tikki distracts her while Teddy's father pulls him away.
   c. Teddy's father drives her away with a long stick.
   d. Rikki-tikki bites her severely and then takes her egg away.

10. What happens to Nagaina in the end?
   a. Teddy's father shoots her with a gun.
   b. She slips into a rat hole and escapes.
   c. Rikki-tikki follows her into her underground den and kills her.
   d. She races through a hole in the garden wall and disappears forever.

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