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Instructions: Read the following article about Chagas and choose the correct answers from the question.

Chagas Disease: The Kissing Bug Illness

Chagas disease is a dangerous illness that is spreading in the United States. People also call it the "kissing bug" disease because special insects called kissing bugs spread it. These bugs bite people around their mouth or eyes when they sleep at night.

The insects carry a tiny parasite called *Trypanosoma cruzi*. When the bug bites you, this parasite can enter your body. Scientists say that about 280,000 people in the U.S. have Chagas disease now. The illness is found in 32 American states, from California to Maryland.

The big problem with Chagas disease is that it often has no symptoms at the beginning. Many people don't know they are sick. Doctor Norman L. Beatty says, "That's the danger in this disease. Oftentimes, symptoms do not arise until permanent damage has already been done."

If you don't get treatment, the parasite can attack your heart. It goes inside the heart muscle cells and makes them weak. After many years, this can cause serious heart problems. Some people can even die from it. Every year, more than 10,000 people around the world die suddenly because of Chagas heart disease.

The kissing bugs are most active during warm months, especially in late spring and summer. They live in the southern parts of the United States, Central America, and South America.

1. Why do people call it the "kissing bug" disease?

- A) Because the bugs are beautiful
- B) Because the bugs bite near the mouth or eyes
- C) Because the bugs like to kiss each other

2. How many people in the United States have Chagas disease?

- A) About 8 million people
- B) About 280,000 people
- C) About 32,000 people

3. What is the biggest danger of Chagas disease?

- A) It causes immediate death
- B) It often has no symptoms at first
- C) It only affects children

4. What part of the body does the parasite attack?

- A) The brain
- B) The stomach
- C) The heart

5. When are kissing bugs most active?

- A) During winter months
- B) During warm months in late spring and summer
- C) Only at Christmas time