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**UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES:** You are going to read an extract a short story. For questions **1-6**, choose the answer (**A, B, C or D**) which you think fits best according to the text.

**1. What was Ed like before the change?**

- a) He was quiet and kept to himself.
- b) He was happy, friendly, and amusing to others.
- c) He often felt a quivery unease in his chest.
- d) He struggled to make others feel at ease.

**2. What caused Ed to feel more "withdrawn" during recess?**

- a) The boys were playing a game he didn't like.
- b) He felt an urge not to join the game, even though he usually enjoyed it.
- c) He was still distracted by the chirping birds and rustling leaves.
- d) He believed the other boys were being mean.

**3. The phrase "heavy cloud" in paragraph 4 is used to describe:**

- a) the weather outside during lunchtime.
- b) a strong, persistent negative feeling.
- c) the dark thoughts he had about being devious.
- d) his grandmother's advice about feelings.

**4. What does the text suggest Ed's initial reaction to his unpleasant feelings was?**

- a) He was relaxed and accepting of them.
- b) He decided to find a quiet place to sit and meditate immediately.
- c) He tried to fight them and was appalled that he felt upset.
- d) He thought of his grandmother's advice right away.

**5. What is the main message of the grandmother's advice?**

- a) Negative feelings should be ignored until they leave.
- b) Understanding your emotions is more helpful than trying to suppress them.
- c) Feelings are always changing and cannot be controlled.
- d) You should only pay attention to positive feelings.

**6. What is the most significant result of Ed's experience?**

- a) He became a different, quieter person.
- b) He realized that the sun and children's laughter were comforting.
- c) He learned that all his emotions, even negative ones, are a natural part of being human.
- d) He successfully solved a problem that had been bothering him for a long time.