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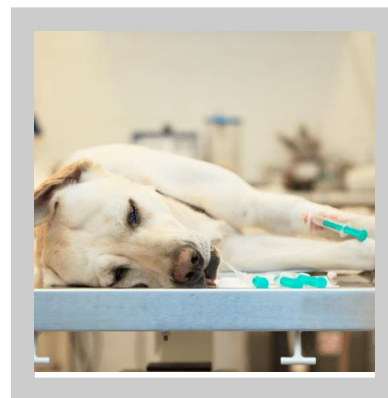
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Vet Emergency!

It is 10:00 on a Saturday night. The doors to the animal emergency room fly open. Cyrus carries a sand-colored Labrador into the building. "Save him. Please!" cries Cyrus. "He ran out into the street and got hit by a car." The dog is whining. There is a lot of blood.

Dr. Williams comes from behind the desk. She reads the dog's name tag. "Here, let me take Lobo from you," Dr. Williams tells Cyrus gently. "I will take him in the back for x-rays and see what needs to be done."

When Dr. Williams gets to the back, she takes a closer look at Lobo. Her face looks grim. She can see the dog's leg is broken badly. She fears there is other damage she cannot see.

The assistants in the room are silent. Everyone knows that Lobo may not survive. If he does survive, his leg injury may be so severe that walking will be hard for him.

The x-rays show that Lobo's front leg has been broken in three places. He is also bleeding inside. Dr. Williams gets to work. She knows she must stop the bleeding quickly.

The surgery takes just under two hours. Dr. Williams fixes the damage to Lobo's leg. She stops the bleeding inside his chest. "I will go tell Lobo's owner that this big guy is going to make it," Dr. Williams says. "We'll see in a few weeks how well he will walk again."

1) When reading a story, it is important to note the *setting.* The setting is characterized by the identification of the time, place, and mood of the events of the story. The setting helps to establish
when, where, and under what circumstances the story is taking place. Using this information, it can be understood that the setting of this story is a

    A. sad morning at a veterinarian's office

    B. dark day in a hospital waiting room

    C. regular visit to a doctor's office

    D. tense night at an animal hospital

2) When does Dr. Williams know just how badly Lobo has been hurt?

    A. when she sees how desperate Cyrus is

    B. after she takes a closer look at Lobo

    C. as soon as she sees Lobo enter the emergency room

    D. after she looks at the x-rays

3) Based on information in the passage, we can understand that Lobo's surgery ends

    A. at 10:00 at night

    B. at 10:00 in the morning

    C. before noon

    D. around midnight

4) As used in the middle of the passage, which of the following words is MOST OPPOSITE the word
grim?

    A. upset

    B. cheerful

    C. surprised

    D. peaceful

5) Using the passage as a guide, we can understand that Dr. Williams is a

    A. dermatologist, which is a doctor who specializes in skin care

    B. optometrist, which is a doctor who specializes in eye care

    C. veterinarian, which is a doctor who takes medical care of animals

    D. pediatrician, which is a doctor who takes medical care of children

6) In the middle of the passage, the author says, "If he does survive, his leg injury may be so
<u>severe</u> that walking will be hard for him." As used by the author, which of the following choices also
describes a **severe** injury?

    A. After falling from a roof, Ralph has mild but persistent pain in his right arm.

    B. During the car accident, Shea suffered very serious damage to her back and neck.

    C. While riding her skateboard, Milla fell and skinned her knee on the concrete.

    D. Before Daniel goes running in the morning, he performs a series of simple stretches.

7) According to the passage, in how many places was Lobo's leg broken?

    A. 1

    B. 2

    C. 3

    D. 4

8) After reading the passage, we can conclude that Lobo

I.   will survive the accident
II. is a small Labrador puppy
III. will walk normally again

    A. I only

    B. I and II only

    C. II and III only

    D. I, II, and III

9) Describe Dr. Williams. What kind of a person do you think she is? How do you know? Explain using evidence from the passage.

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Answers and Explanations

1) D
Core Standard: Key Ideas and Details

In paragraph 1, the passage says, "It is 10:00 on a Saturday night. The doors to the animal emergency room fly open." This lets us know that the time is night and the place is an animal hospital. In paragraph 4, it says, "The assistants in the room are silent. Everyone knows that Lobo may not survive. If he does survive, his leg injury may be soseverethat walking will be hard for him." This lets us know that the mood is tense. Using this information, we can understand that the setting of this story is a tense night at an animal hospital. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) D
Core Standard: Key Ideas and Details

In the middle of the passage, Dr. Williams takes a look a Lobo. The passage says, "She can see the dog's leg is broken badly. She fears there is other damage she cannot see." Then Dr. Williams looks at the x-rays. "The x-rays show that Lobo's front leg has been broken in three places. He is also bleeding inside." We can understand from this information that Dr. Williams knew how badly the puppy's leg was broken and knew for sure that the puppy was bleeding inside after she looked at the x-rays. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) D
Core Standard: Integration of Knowledge

At the beginning, the passage says, "It is 10:00 on a Saturday night." Near the end, the passage says, "The surgery takes just under two hours." Since the passage starts at 10:00 at night and the surgery takes just under two hours, the surgery ends around midnight. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) B
Core Standard: Craft and Structure

Grim *(adjective):* dismal or gloomy; stern; resolute.

This question asks us to find the best antonym, or opposite, of the word "grim." This means we must find a word that means "**not** grim at all."

In paragraph 3, the passage says, "When Dr. Williams gets to the back, she takes a closer look at Lobo. Her face looks grim. She can see the dog's leg is broken badly. She fears there is other damage she cannot see." This information tells us that Dr. Williams knows that the dog is badly hurt and that she is afraid for the dog. Since Dr. Williams knows that the dog is hurt, her face must look stern and gloomy. We can understand from this information that *grim* means stern and gloomy.

Something *cheerful* is happy. This lets us know that cheerful is a good opposite for grim. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) C
   Core Standard: Integration of Knowledge

A veterinarian is a doctor that takes medical care of animals. Since Dr. Williams treated Lobo, and Lobo is an animal, we know that Dr. Williams is a veterinarian. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

6) B
   Core Standard: Craft and Structure

Severe *(adjective):* very serious; harsh or strict.

Lobo is badly hurt. No one knows if he will even survive. In the middle, the passage says, "If he does survive, his leg injury may be so severe that walking will be hard for him." Since the severe injury might make walking hard for Lobo, we can understand that *severe* must mean very serious. Since Shea suffered very serious damage to her back and neck, this lets us that that her injuries are severe. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

Mild means gentle or moderate. This means that having a mild injury, even if it is persistent, is not as bad as having a severe injury. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect.

Although skinning her knee might have caused Milla temporary pain, this is not representative of a severe injury. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

Although performing stretches in the morning may be uncomfortable, it is not necessarily painful and certainly not representative of a severe injury. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

7) C
   Core Standard: Key Ideas and Details

In paragraph 5, the passage says, "The x-rays show that Lobo's front leg has been broken in three places." Lobo's leg was broken in 3 places. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

8) A
　Core Standard: Key Ideas and Details

In the final paragraph, Dr. Williams says, "I will go tell Lobo's owner that this big guy is going to make it." This lets us know that Lobo will survive. This supports **option (I)**.

In paragraph 1, the passage says, "Cyrus carries a sand-colored Labrador into the building." This is the only description we are given of Lobo, and it does not tell us that he is a small puppy. This eliminates **option (II)**.

In the final paragraph, Dr. Williams says, "We'll see in a few weeks how well he will walk again." We can understand from this sentence that Lobo may or may not walk normally again. This eliminates **option (III)**.

Therefore **(A)** is correct.