

Classics Quick Check

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- 1. How does Badger's greeting of Toad compare with Mole's greeting?
 - (A) Mole and Badger are both worried and discouraging in their greeting.
 - Mole is serious and ominous, while Badger is delighted and jolly.
 - © Badger and Mole are both silly and lighthearted in their greeting.
 - D Badger is serious and ominous, while Mole is delighted and jolly.
- 2. Which of the following details from the text expresses an opinion?
 - A The position's about as bad as it can be . . .
 - B There is an underground passage . . .
 - © The Badger laid down his paper.
 - ① The stoats are on guard . . .

- **3.** How is the setting related to a theme from this part of the story?
 - A The nighttime setting is necessary to set up the theme that the night is always dangerous.
 - ® One theme is about the comforts and importance of home, and in the setting the animals are enjoying the comforts of Rat's home.
 - © The forest setting contributes to the theme that living in nature is preferable to civilized life.
 - ① One theme is learning to survive in the wild, and the setting presents an ironic contrast to this idea.
- 4. Toad and the others plot a way to retake Toad Hall during the _____ of this part of the story.
 - (A) climax
 - **®** introduction
 - © resolution
 - (II) rising action



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- **5.** Which of the following words refers to food?
 - (A) accoutrement
 - B privations
 - © vengeance
 - ① victuals
- **6.** Which of the following events happens last?
 - (A) Mole goes to Toad Hall dressed as a washerwoman.
 - B Badger talks about the underground passage into Toad Hall.
 - © Toad becomes extremely jealous of Mole.
 - ① Rat and Toad are reunited with Badger and Mole.
- **7.** Which of the following words is the best context clue for the word *flustered?*
 - (A) orchard
 - ® nervous
 - © running
 - ① falling

- **8.** What causes Badger to reveal the secret about the underground passage?
 - A Badger is supposed to tell Toad when he reaches a certain age.
 - B Badger wants to impress all of his friends with his secret knowledge.
 - © Badger is supposed to tell the secret if Toad is in serious trouble.
 - D Badger wants to trick the others so he can stop the weasels on his own.
- **9.** Why does Mole tell the stoats about that night's attack?
 - A He wants to fool the stoats into thinking the attack was going to be much bigger.
 - B He likes bragging to the Wild Wooders about his friends' weapons and bravery.
 - © He wants to prove that he also could fool people into thinking he was a washerwoman.
 - ① He likes the stoats and warns them of the attack so they won't get hurt.



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- 10. What conclusion does Badger draw from the fact that the weasels will be having a banquet?
 - (A) The Chief Weasel will be the only one armed.
 - B The stoats will not be guarding Toad Hall.
 - © He will be able to go to the party, too.
 - ① He can catch the weasels off guard.
- 11. Extended Response: Identify at least two problems that the characters encounter in this part, and how they try to solve them. Then, describe a different way that the characters could have addressed one of these problems.
- **12. Extended Response:** Write a paragraph that analyzes how the characters' actions at the end of this part of the story reflect their individual character traits.

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Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- **1.** (D) Compare and Contrast
- 2. (A) Fact or Opinion
- 3. (B) Analyze Setting
- 4. D Analyze Plot
- **5**. ① Vocabulary
- **6.** (C) Sequence Events
- 7. (B) Vocabulary
- 8. (C) Cause and Effect
- 9. (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **10.** (D) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 11. Answers will identify at least two problems from this part of the story: stoats are guarding the house, weasels have taken it over, no one can agree on how to save Toad Hall, Mole is stopped by the sentries, and so on. Answers will then describe how the characters set about solving the identified problems, and end by offering one new solution to one of the problems, an original idea created by the student.
- 12. Answers will vary. Sample response:

 Badger takes a nap, which shows how calm and confident he is. Rat is preparing piles of weapons, which shows he is nervous and over-prepared. Mole and Toad are conversing, which shows both are very social animals. Toad brags, while Mole listens, reinforcing both characters' traits, that Toad is boastful and Mole is a good listener and interested in hearing more about the world.

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