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

1. Why is the change of setting to the river important for the resolution of this part of the story?
 - Ⓐ Toad almost drowns in the rushing water.
 - Ⓑ The river carries Toad to Rat's home.
 - Ⓒ It is where Toad sells his horse to the gipsy.
 - Ⓓ It is where Toad sees the motorcar.
2. What evidence from the text supports the conclusion that Toad is very lucky?
 - Ⓐ He collapses in a miserable heap of despair when he sees the car.
 - Ⓑ He is chased by a group of angry men.
 - Ⓒ He escapes all the people after him and washes up at Rat's house.
 - Ⓓ He sings a foolish, proud song about himself.

3. What is a **chauffeur**?
 - Ⓐ an English breed of horse
 - Ⓑ a person who drives as a job
 - Ⓒ an interesting or exciting story
 - Ⓓ a guard or soldier who protects something
4. Why does Toad sell the horse to the gipsy?
 - Ⓐ No one else offers to buy the horse.
 - Ⓑ The horse is too old and tired to go on.
 - Ⓒ The gipsy lies about how much the horse is worth.
 - Ⓓ Toad needs food and money more than he needs the horse.

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5. The scene where Toad is running from the men in the car is part of the _____ of this part of the story.
 - Ⓐ introduction
 - Ⓑ rising action
 - Ⓒ falling action
 - Ⓓ resolution
6. What does the motorcar in this story symbolize?
 - Ⓐ speed
 - Ⓑ nature
 - Ⓒ friendship
 - Ⓓ temptation
7. Which of the following details from the text expresses an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Toad sells the horse to the gipsy.
 - Ⓑ Toad is dressed like a washerwoman.
 - Ⓒ The men in the car think Toad is dangerous.
 - Ⓓ Rat appears at the end of the story.
8. Which word is a synonym for *happily*?
 - Ⓐ fatal
 - Ⓑ gaily
 - Ⓒ hapless
 - Ⓓ prudent
9. What important event happens immediately after the men in the car fling themselves on Toad?
 - Ⓐ The car crashes.
 - Ⓑ The men chase Toad.
 - Ⓒ Toad rides in the car.
 - Ⓓ Toad sells the horse.
10. How does Toad's song contribute to an understanding of his character?
 - Ⓐ It is dull and shows he has no sense of humor.
 - Ⓑ It is all about himself and shows he is vain.
 - Ⓒ It is sad and shows he is unhappy with his life.
 - Ⓓ It rhymes and shows he reads a lot of books.

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11. Extended Response: Write a response that describes at least two problems in the story. Then, describe your opinion on why Toad is constantly running into new problems.

12. Extended Response: Write a paragraph describing the lesson that the author hopes readers will learn from this part of the story. Include key details from the story that support your answer.

1. Ⓑ *Analyze Setting*
2. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓑ *Analyze Plot*
6. Ⓓ *Story Elements: Theme*
7. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
11. Answers will describe how Toad solves two problems in this part of the story, such as the following: *he is hungry and needs food, he fears he will be caught by the owners of the car he stole, he is chased by angry men, he falls into the river, and he needs to get back home.* Answers will conclude with the student's opinion on why Toad has so many problems.
12. Answers will vary. Sample response: *The author hopes readers will understand that pride and vanity can lead to trouble. Key details in the story, such as Toad's song and the way he describes himself as "the handsome, the popular, the successful Toad" and "There is surely no animal equal to me for cleverness in the whole world!" establish that Toad is too self-important. This view of himself gets him into trouble when he does things he really shouldn't or isn't able to do.*