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

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| <p>1. Based on events in the story, which character is the most childish?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Rat</li> <li>Ⓑ Toad</li> <li>Ⓒ Mole</li> <li>Ⓓ Badger</li> </ul> <p>2. What important event happens after Toad steals the car?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ He receives a new car.</li> <li>Ⓑ His friends force him to behave.</li> <li>Ⓒ He is sentenced to prison.</li> <li>Ⓓ His friends takes turns watching him.</li> </ul> <p>3. Which word is a synonym for <b>habiliments</b>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ animals</li> <li>Ⓑ boats</li> <li>Ⓒ cars</li> <li>Ⓓ clothes</li> </ul> | <p>4. Which of the following events is the climax of this part of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Badger shows up unexpectedly at Rat's House.</li> <li>Ⓑ Badger sends Toad's new motorcar away.</li> <li>Ⓒ Toad escapes from his locked room and steals a car.</li> <li>Ⓓ Toad's friends decide to rescue him from his bad ways.</li> </ul> <p>5. Which of the following conclusions can readers draw about this part of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Badger keeps his word.</li> <li>Ⓑ Rat knows when Toad is lying.</li> <li>Ⓒ Mole wishes he had a motorcar, too.</li> <li>Ⓓ Toad always knew he would end up in jail.</li> </ul> <p>6. What is one of Toad's problems in this part of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ He has too many friends.</li> <li>Ⓑ He is a great driver.</li> <li>Ⓒ He does not have a boat.</li> <li>Ⓓ He is locked in his bedroom.</li> </ul> |
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7. Why does Badger inspire respect in the other characters?

- Ⓐ He is the biggest, strongest animal.
- Ⓑ He is so confident and certain of himself.
- Ⓒ He is always generous to others.
- Ⓓ He is the most popular animal.

8. Why do Rat, Mole, and Badger try to change Toad?

- Ⓐ They are jealous of Toad.
- Ⓑ Toad asked them for help.
- Ⓒ Toad is a danger to himself and others.
- Ⓓ They don't like to ride in cars themselves.

9. Which word describes someone who is impossible to control or change?

- Ⓐ conceited
- Ⓑ eloquent
- Ⓒ incorrigible
- Ⓓ repentant

10. How does the author use the characters to express his opinion on the importance of following rules?

- Ⓐ He has Toad suffer the consequences of his actions.
- Ⓑ He has Badger try to change Toad by talking to him.
- Ⓒ He has Rat feel guilty about letting Toad escape.
- Ⓓ He has the Chairman follow the Clerk's suggestions.

11. **Extended Response:** Do you think Badger, Rat, and Mole were right to send away Toad's car and take charge of their friend? Support your written response with at least two reasons that include specific details from the story.

12. **Extended Response:** Compare and contrast the settings at the beginning and end of this part of the story. Include details from the text that show how each setting affects the changing mood of the story.

1. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Analyze Plot*
5. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
7. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
11. Answers will vary. Sample response:  
*I think they were justified, because Toad was dangerous to others in the way he acted with motorcars. Also, friends need to take care of friends. What happens at the end of the story supports their actions, because Toad ends up in jail after making yet another terrible decision related to a car.*
12. Answers will vary. Sample response:  
*The beginning of the story is set at Rat's house. This setting is comfortable and the mood is optimistic. The animals think they can save Toad from himself. The end of the story is set in a "grim old castle." This setting is frightening. The last paragraph of the text reinforces the grim mood with a miserable Toad locked in a dungeon.*