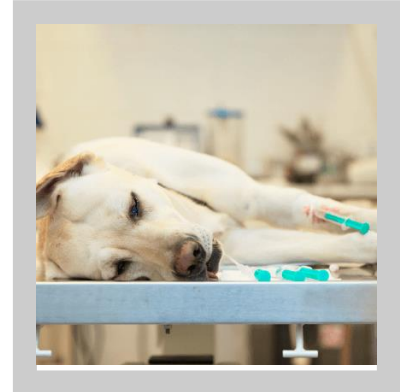Name _____

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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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