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Use this week’s issue of TIME For Kids (Edition 5–6) to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

Article: “Take It from Nature”  
(Identify Main Idea)

1. This story mainly describes
   A. new kinds of transportation.
   B. efforts to stop pollution.
   C. nature-inspired inventions.
   D. nature-inspired art.

Article: “Take It from Nature”  
(Analyze Prefixes)

2. What does bio mean?
   A. copy
   B. imitation
   C. life
   D. fake

Article: “Take It from Nature”  
(Identify Problem-Solution Relationships)

3. What inspired Eiji Nakatsu to design a quieter train?
   A. a kingfisher diving into water
   B. a pitcher plant catching insects
   C. a mosquito landing on a person’s arm
   D. wind blowing a tree’s leaves

Article: “Take It from Nature”  
(Interpret Language Use)

4. Janine Benyus, of the Biomimicry Institute, says the natural world has “an incredible library of solutions.” In other words,
   A. plants are smarter than humans.
   B. scientists should study technology more deeply.
   C. libraries are important.
   D. nature can offer ideas for real-world problems.

Article: “Take It from Nature”  
(Use Informational-Text Features)

5. Which invention was inspired by the tiny hairs on a gecko’s feet?
   A. a bug catcher
   B. a quieter train
   C. a super-strong tape
   D. a pain-free needle

Article: “Take It from Nature”  
(Analyze Text Structure)

6. Which part of the story describes the benefits of Earth-friendly concrete?
   A. introduction
   B. “Borrowing Nature’s Blueprints”
   C. “Stop, Look, and Listen”
   D. headline

Article: “Tigers Bounce Back”  
(Recall Key Details)

7. According to conservation groups, how many tigers are in the forests between Russia and Vietnam?
   A. 3,890
   B. 3,200
   C. 2,200
   D. 2,010

Article: “Top 5 Happiest Nations”  
(Read a Map)

8. Of the four countries below, which is the happiest?
   A. Iceland
   B. Norway
   C. Switzerland
   D. Finland

Article: “Broadway Bound”  
(Identify Main Idea of a Section)

9. What does the section “From Page to Stage” describe?
   A. why actors had a difficult time learning their lines
   B. how the book and stage versions of Tuck Everlasting relate to each other
   C. which version of Tuck Everlasting Natalie Babbitt likes best
   D. where the book takes place

Article: “10 Questions for George McDonald”  
(Identify Perspective)

10. According to George McDonald, why is it important for kids and families to visit national parks?
    A. to show them that wolves are the most beautiful wild animals
    B. to persuade them to become park rangers
    C. to learn why living in the country is better than living in the city
    D. to inspire them to protect the country’s natural resources

Bonus  In “Take It from Nature,” how does information in the photo captions relate to the main story? How would your understanding of the story be different if this information were not included? Write your answer on a separate sheet, using details from the story to support your thinking.

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