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Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on the story "Tops and Bottoms."

- 1 Why was Hare's family in bad shape?
 - (A) Hare lost his job.
 - (B) Hare's father died.
 - (C) Hare did not have any land.
 - (D) Hare was in trouble with his neighbor.
- 2 Why does Hare ask Bear to be business partners?
 - (F) so Hare can use Bear's land
 - (G) so Hare can take Bear's money
 - (H) so Hare can live in Bear's house
 - (I) so Hare can sleep all day like Bear
- 3 What does Hare mean when he asks the question *tops or bottoms*?
 - (A) What job do you want to do?
 - (B) What part of the crops do you want?
 - (C) How do you want to divide the work?
 - (D) How much should you sell the crops for?
- 4 Why does Hare tell Bear that he will do all of the planting and harvesting?
 - (F) He likes to work hard.
 - (G) He wants Bear to agree to his idea.
 - (H) He wants Mrs. Hare to help him instead.
 - (I) He knows Bear does not know how to work hard.
- 5 Which sentence from the story shows that Bear learned a lesson?
 - (A) "But, Hare, all the best parts are in your half!"
 - (B) "Bear never again slept through a season of planting and harvesting."
 - (C) "'You've tricked me twice, and you owe me one season of both tops and bottoms!'"
 - (D) "Hare tugged off the roots at the bottom and the tassels at the top and put them in a pile for Bear."

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- 6 Why did Bear think Hare cheated him?
- (F) because Hare planted crops in his field
 - (G) because Hare asked him too many questions
 - (H) because Bear never got crops from the harvest
 - (I) because Bear slept while Hare did all the work
- 7 What do you learn about Hare in this story?
- (A) He is lazy.
 - (B) He is kind.
 - (C) He is clever.
 - (D) He is always sleepy.
- 8 What would Hare MOST LIKELY say to defend himself if he was accused of cheating Bear?
- (F) He did not cheat Bear because he asked him what part of the plant he wanted.
 - (G) He did not cheat Bear because Bear did not do any of the work himself.
 - (H) He cheated Bear because he wanted to take Bear's crops.
 - (I) He cheated Bear because Bear was not kind to his family.
- 9 Which word BEST describes Bear?
- (A) bossy
 - (B) helpful
 - (C) trusting
 - (D) ungrateful
- 10 What lesson does Bear learn in this story?
- (F) Do not give your money to other people.
 - (G) It is important to get a lot of sleep, so don't work too hard.
 - (H) Do not trust your neighbors because they will always trick you.
 - (I) Do the work yourself and don't be lazy if you want good results.