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Reading Comprehension Questions

1. The most suitable title for this article is

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| 1. Antibodies and Pathogens | 2. Immune System |
| 3. Vaccines and Diseases | 4. Edible Vaccines |

2. The word "grant" (line 2) means

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| 1. extend | 2. block | 3. Provide | 4. retard |
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3. The word "disarmed" (line 6) is closest in meaning to

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| 1. divided | 2. weakened | 3. identified | 4. removed |
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4. The word "which" (line 11) refers to the

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| 1. toxin fragment | 2. intestinal system | 3. immune system | 4. potato vaccine |
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5. The difference between the new vaccine and traditional ones is that the new one. ...!

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| 1. is administered as pills | 2. is in the form of food |
| 3. must be injected | 4. is exposed to the immune system |

6. Which is correct concerning the new vaccine according to the article?

1. It has not been tested on humans yet.
2. It has been genetically engineered into bananas.
3. The FDA has not approved animal testing
4. The FDA has agreed to have it tested on humans.

7. The paragraph that explains how the new vaccine works is

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| 1. Paragraph 2 | 2. Paragraph 3 | 3. Paragraph 4 | 4. Paragraph 5 |
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8. The paragraph that emphasizes the benefits of the new vaccine is

1. Paragraph 1 2. Paragraph 3 3. Paragraph 4 4. Paragraph 5

9. All these pairs of words share similar meaning EXCEPT

1. potatoes-spuds 2. vaccinate-inoculate
3. administered-delivered 4. mobilize-expose

10. The purpose of genetically modifying bananas to carry vaccines is

1. to disguise the unpleasant taste of the vaccine
2. to make it easier to digest
3. because bananas are cheaper and easier to grow than potatoes
4. because people are more likely to eat raw bananas than raw potatoes

11. The author suggests that this new vaccine is especially beneficial to developing countries because it

1. does not cause allergies 2. can be produced locally
3. is very effective 4. has no side effects

12. The vaccine mentioned in this passage specifically prevents

1. skin diseases 2. indigestion 3. diarrhea 4. food allergies

13. If the new vaccine requires considerably less medical expertise to use, it can save money on

1. production 2. Storage 3. Transportation 4. administration