

Accelerated Reader Questions for
Pond Scum and Agnes Pflumm
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1. What was the first clue for the students that a new adventure was about to begin?

(CORRECT ANSWER: A)

- a. Miss Pflumm had pond scum on her shoes.
- b. Mrs. Melrose asked them to recycle the trash.
- c. Edward Fartlesnap was coming from Britain.
- d. Greg had done his science fair project on flushing toilets.

2. Jason was concerned about the waters around Stonecreek because _____.

- a. There were too many bream in the stream.
- b. He and Greg noticed that the number and variety of fish caught in the seine was way down from previous years.
- c. There was very little water in the pond because there had been a long period of drought.
- d. He and Andy had seen people's underwear floating down the stream on the way to the sewage plant.

(CORRECT ANSWER: B)

3. How did Agnes Pflumm's class first investigate the scummy water?

- a. They all drank a sip of water to see what it tasted like.
- b. They went down to the pond to collect the water.
- c. They went to the pond and looked at the water with magnifying glasses.
- d. They looked at water through a microscope.

(CORRECT ANSWER: D)

4. Which of these reasons was NOT one the students hypothesized as the source of the water problems?

- a. The steel mill dumping waste into the creek
- b. Farmers using pesticides and fertilizers
- c. Septic tank contents not perking into the soil
- d. Run-off from the Mill Pond subdivision construction

(CORRECT ANSWER: A)

5. Why had Edward Fartlesnap come to Stonecreek?

- a. He was trying to find ways to increase the number of fish in the pond behind Stonecreek Middle School.
- b. He was looking for Agnes so he could marry her and take her back to Britain.
- c. He was trying to find out the cause of the problems with Stonecreek's water.
- d. He was planning to build a new community of homes in Stonecreek.

(CORRECT ANSWER: C)

6. What did Edward Fartlesnap do for a living?

- a. He was the mayor of Stonecreek.
- b. He was a hurricane tracker like his parents.
- c. He was a biologist with the U.S. government.
- d. He was the principal of Stonecreek Middle School.

(CORRECT ANSWER: C)

7. When Agnes and Edward went to investigate the huge fish kill and sewage spill, _____.

- a. Agnes took pictures of Edward collecting dead turkeys floating in the creek.
- b. Agnes collected two plastic bags full of rotting and bloated fish.
- c. Agnes and Edwards had a picnic before they investigated the stream condition.
- d. Edward's waders filled with dead fish and scat when he slipped into the stream.

(CORRECT ANSWER: D)

8. What did Mrs. Crotts overhear that caused her to be upset with Andy?
- a. He was planning to skip school to go fishing.
 - b. He told Amanda that he was bringing a frog to school.
 - c. He and Jason were practicing the Scat Rap.
 - d. He was flushing underwear down the toilet.

(CORRECT ANSWER: C)

9. What happened to Mavis Mince when she was eavesdropping to hear Edward propose marriage to Agnes?
- a. She stepped into a bucket and fell.
 - b. She toppled over the window sill into the bed of begonias.
 - c. She hit her head on the hanging basket of flowers.
 - d. She slipped and fell into Pickle Creek.

(CORRECT ANSWER: B)

10. Agnes and Edward decided to get married at the _____.
- a. Pickle Creek bridge
 - b. Periwinkle pier
 - c. Sunny Brook farm
 - d. Stonecreek Middle School gym

(CORRECT ANSWER: B)