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Little House on the Prairie Questions Chapter 15

1. Laura was excited. They _____ were ripe and she went with Ma to pick them on hot afternoons.
 - a) blackberries
 - b) blueberries
 - c) strawberries
 - d) apples
2. Why was Laura's mouth just as purple as her fingers?
 - a) she ate as much as she picked
 - b) she fell into the bushes
 - c) she had a strange illness
 - d) she got into the paints
3. What did Ma do with the pail full of berries that they brought home each day?
 - a) baked pies and cakes
 - b) made preserves
 - c) fed them to the animals
 - d) spread them in the sun to dry
4. They would have plenty of berries for the winter. How did they plan to use them?
 - a) add them to stew
 - b) eat them whole
 - c) spread them on bread
 - d) bake pies with them
5. Why did Mary stay home with Carrie while Ma and Laura went picking?
 - a) she is allergic to berries
 - b) she is too young to help out
 - c) she hated to pick berries
 - d) she is older and Ma needed her to babysit
6. **T F** **True or False:** On windy nights, Pa kept piles of damp grass burning to keep the mosquitoes away. No mosquitoes ever got near the house.

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7. **T** **F** **True or False:** Laura didn't feel well. She was cold, even in all the sunshine. She could not manage to warm herself up. She ached all over.

8. Laura and Mary did not argue when Ma sent them to bed, even if it was daytime. Laura was so hot that everything seemed _____.

9. What did Mary do that made Laura cry because she was cold?

- a) stole all the covers
- b) pushed Laura out of bed
- c) threw the covers off
- d) poured water on them

10. **T** **F** **True or False:** Even Pa and Ma were sick. Ma told Pa to go to bed. Pa told her that Ma was sicker than he was.

11. What happened when Laura tried to get out of bed?

- a) she hugged Jack because he was sick too
- b) she fell down
- c) Mary cried because she was cold
- d) she felt much better

12. Who did Laura need to get water for? _____

13. **T** **F** **True or False:** Someone gave Laura something to swallow. it was so bitter that she tried to turn her head away.

14. Who was caring for the family when Laura woke up? _____

15. A man with dark skin came to check on them. Laura remembered that he had given her something to drink when she was sick. Who was he?

- a) Mrs. Scott's brother
- b) Dr. Tan
- c) Mr. Scott
- d) a neighbor

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16. Mrs. Scott said that all of the settlers in the area had _____. She had been going from house to house taking care of all.

- a) yellow fever
- b) typhus
- c) fever 'n' ague
- d) cholera

17. Dr. Tan had found the Ingalls family while he was on his way to Independence to work with the _____.

18. What did Mrs. Scott say had caused all the sickness? _____

19. **T F True or False:** When Ma got up, she offered to go with Mrs. Scott to care for all of the neighbors who were still sick.

20. What did Pa do since he wasn't able to work?

- a) made Jack a dog house
- b) make Ma a rocking-chair
- c) laid in bed, too sick to move
- d) made the girls a toy train

21. As soon as he was able to ride Patty, Pa rode away without telling anyone where he was going. What did he bring back?

22. Pa said that watermelons didn't cause fever 'n' ague. What did he say causes it?

- a) creek water
- b) breathing night air
- c) mosquitoes
- d) gas from underground

23. **T F True or False:** Ma wouldn't eat the watermelon. She wouldn't let the girls eat it either. Pa ate the whole watermelon by himself.

24. Fever 'n' ague is really _____, and _____ spread the disease to people.

- a) cholera, mosquitoes
- b) malaria, mosquitoes
- c) yellow fever, watermelons
- d) malaria, bad waters

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