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On the Banks of Plum Creek

Questions Chapter 18

1. What is **NOT** something that Laura saw when she looked out her window the next morning?
 - a) wheat field
 - b) path down the knoll
 - c) oat field
 - d) Plum Creek
2. What noise did the girls hear downstairs?
 - a) Jack eating breakfast
 - b) Pa hammering nails into the table
 - c) Ma sweeping the floor
 - d) lids clattering on the cookstove
3. Laura asked Pa if they could play at the creek. He said, "No," but what could they do instead?
 - a) finish moving their things from the dugout
 - b) watch the cattle from the tableland
 - c) take the path to Nelson's to see what they found
 - d) go to the swimming hole to swim
4. What did the girls find in the lean-to?
 - a) a boughten broom
 - b) a bat and ball
 - c) a butter churn
 - d) a bicycle
5. **T F True or False:** The girls admired the new broom. It looked just like the ones that Pa had made.

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6. **T** **F** **True or False:** After finishing their chores, Mary and Laura followed the path. They found the creek, but it looked very different.
7. **T** **F** **True or False:** Laura and Mary saw that they path went on forever. Laura knew that it must go all the way to Mr. Nelson's house.
8. What did the girls find at the creek?
- a) Spot, Sam and David drinking fresh water c) a little boat that Pa had built
- b) a large, clear pool that they could wade in d) rushing water that picked up rocks and sticks along the way
9. **T** **F** **True or False:** Laura and Mary found a strange creature. He had big pincer-claws and hid below a rock. Laura splashed at him, but could not get him to come out from under that rock.
10. What did the strange creature do to the stick that Mary and Laura teased him with?
- a) pulled it from Laura's hand c) ran away from it
- b) snapped it in two d) he stayed hidden under his rock
11. **T** **F** **True or False:** Laura would not go into the dark water by the plum trees. Mary went in there alone.

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12. Why couldn't Laura see the bottom of the pool in the dark water?
- a) it was covered with grasses
 - b) it was too deep to see
 - c) it was thick with mud
 - d) she would not venture close enough
13. When Laura waded back into the clean water, what did she see all over her legs and feet? She could not get them to come off.
- a) tiny fish
 - b) little snakes
 - c) mud-colored worms
 - d) sticky grass
14. Laura grabbed the blobs on her legs and arm and pulled and pulled until it finally came off. What did it leave behind?
- a) bloody spots
 - b) long stingers
 - c) red swollen bumps
 - d) more mud
15. What did Pa say Laura should do to stay away from the leeches?
- a) swim in deeper water
 - b) stay out of the mud
 - c) stay out of the creek
16. What did Pa say the girls can do now that the family is settled two miles from town?
- a) stay inside
 - b) get a job
 - c) go to school

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