**“The Mystery of the Snake Egg” Quiz**

**Directions:** Read the story “The Mystery of the Snake Egg” in the February/March 2014 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the bubble next to the best answer for each question below.

1. What makes Jeremy and Molly first suspect that something is wrong in the pet store?
   - They find a crate of used tape and cardboard.
   - Zimmerman fluffs his feathers and squawks.
   - Anthony makes a salami sandwich burp.
   - Zimmerman doesn’t talk or move.

2. Why does Anthony say to Jeremy, “Why don’t you call 911?”
   - to show his concern for Zimmerman
   - to tell Jeremy how to handle an emergency
   - to make fun of Jeremy
   - to suggest a way to help sick animals

3. You can tell that Uncle Noah thinks Jeremy is ______.
   - responsible
   - immature
   - anxious
   - hilarious

4. You can infer that Zimmerman squawks and shrieks in a panic because
   - he is scared of cardboard and plastic.
   - he is scared of the snake egg.
   - he is injured.
   - he is nervous around Molly.

5. Why isn’t Jeremy excited about finding a snake egg?
   - He doesn’t like natural specimens.
   - He is afraid that a live cobra will hatch.
   - The snake egg smells terrible.
   - The egg is another clue that something is wrong in the pet store.

6. Which is a synonym for **nocturnal** in the phrase “listening to the nocturnal scruffles and gurgles of the animals upstairs”?
   - nighttime
   - noisy
   - angry
   - mysterious

7. Why does Anthony smuggle animals?
   - to find good homes for them
   - to make money
   - to brag about the fancy animals he sells
   - to impress his friends

8. How do Anthony and his friends get caught?
   - Jeremy calls the police.
   - Uncle Noah makes a surprise visit to the pet store.
   - Zimmerman imitates a burglar alarm.
   - Jeremy and Molly trap them in a closet.

**Constructed Response**

**Directions:** On a separate piece of paper, write your answer to each question in a well-organized paragraph. Make sure you support your answers with details from the story.

9. Which details show that Jeremy and Molly are good friends?

10. Why will Anthony go to jail?