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“Yesterday & Today” Quiz

Directions: Read the “Yesterday & Today” article in the April/May 2008 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question. For the last two questions, write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. When did the practice of surfing, or riding a board over a wave, first start?

- (A) in the 1850s
- (B) in 1911
- (C) thousands of years ago
- (D) in the 1960s

2. How did Duke Kahanamoku change Americans’ impression of the ocean?

- (A) He demonstrated that it was not a scary place.
- (B) He convinced people that saltwater was healthy.
- (C) He wrestled a shark.
- (D) He sold surfboards.

3. You can conclude that in the first part of the 20th century, Duke Kahanamoku was

- (A) disliked by many.
- (B) a celebrity.
- (C) seen as strange.
- (D) a troublemaker.

4. You can infer that Laird Hamilton

- (A) had a lot of support from his family.
- (B) is not afraid to take risks.
- (C) was born in Tahiti.
- (D) surfs because he wants to be famous.

5. Teahupoo Reef is dangerous for all of the following reasons EXCEPT

- (A) The water is shallow.
- (B) The depth of the water changes very quickly.
- (C) Waves come from both the east and west.
- (D) Great white sharks inhabit the waters.

6. What does the “Yesterday” section of this feature mainly show?

- (A) One champion swimmer made surfing popular throughout the world.
- (B) In the past, people had incorrect ideas about the ocean.
- (C) The history of Hawaii was changed by the sport of surfing.
- (D) People who opened surf shops became rich in the 1960s.

7. Which of the following sentences contains a metaphor?

- (A) “Teahupoo Reef is notorious for being one of the most dangerous surfing spots on the planet.”
- (B) “But despite the risks, Laird was determined to face the ferocious swells head-on.”
- (C) “Laird let go of the tow rope just as the treacherous monster picked up speed.”
- (D) “Just last year Laird Hamilton trounced a 70-foot wave.”

8. How has surfing evolved since 2000?

- (A) Surfboards are shorter and lighter.
- (B) Professional surfers get towed to large waves.
- (C) Surfers wear high-tech outfits.
- (D) All of the above.

9. Based on the article, what characteristics do Duke Kahanamoku and Laird Hamilton have in common?

10. What can you conclude about the way in which humans face challenges?