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1. What did Kiyoi want to become when he grew up?

- A a baseball player
- B a cartoonist
- C a musician
- D an actor

2. What is the sequence of events in the story?

- A Kiyoi read comic books for hours; Noro Shinpei took on Kiyoi as a student; Kiyoi drew some of the background in the Shee-chan cartoons.
- B Noro Shinpei took on Kiyoi as a student; Kiyoi read comic books for hours; Kiyoi drew some of the background in the Shee-chan cartoons.
- C Kiyoi drew some of the background in the Shee-chan cartoons; Kiyoi read comic books for hours; Noro Shinpei took on Kiyoi as a student.
- D Noro Shinpei took on Kiyoi as a student; Kiyoi drew some of the background in the Shee-chan cartoons; Kiyoi read comic books for hours.

3. Noro Shinpei asked Kiyoi to draw a horse. After looking at the drawing, he agreed to take on Kiyoi as a student.

Based on this information, what can be concluded about Noro Shinpei's opinion of Kiyoi's drawing?

- A Noro Shinpei thought Kiyoi's drawing was good.
- B Noro Shinpei thought Kiyoi's drawing was bad.
- C Noro Shinpei thought Kiyoi's drawing was better than anything he could draw himself.
- D Noro Shinpei thought Kiyoi's drawing did not have enough detail.

4. What activity did Kiyoi probably enjoy more than any other?

- A taking photographs
- B practicing karate
- C eating
- D drawing

5. What is this book mainly about?

- A a crowd of people who were beaten down by the police
- B a grandmother who never smiled and was very strict
- C a young man who wanted to become a cartoonist
- D the test taken by students who wanted to go to Aoyama Middle School

6. Read the following sentences from the book: "I expect you to be a **respectable** citizen, not an artist, and that means you'll have to earn a living! Artists are lazy and scruffy people—they are not **respectable**."

What does the word "**respectable**" mean?

- A having a job that does not pay very much money
- B having a job that is harmful to plants and animals
- C worthy of the good opinion of other people
- D not worthy of the good opinion of other people

7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

Some of Kiyoi's teachers were important to him, \_\_\_\_\_ Noro Shinpei and Miss Goldfish.

- A such as
- B instead
- C third
- D never

8. How did Kiyoi's father feel about his son becoming an artist?

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9. Kiyoi's teacher in first grade was Mrs. Morita. What did she say about his ability to draw?

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10. Think about the different teachers that Kiyoi had. Which ones made a difference in his life? Explain why, using evidence from the book.

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