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⇒ COMPREHENSION CHECK ⇐

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1. George became known as “the plant doctor” because
 - A. he knew which plants could be used to treat sicknesses.
 - B. he liked to wear a white coat when he worked in the garden.
 - C. he knew how to make ailing plants become healthy again.
 - D. he made medicines out of plants in his laboratory.

2. Why did George leave the Carvers and move to Neosho?
 - A. He wanted to look for his mother.
 - B. He wanted to go to school.
 - C. He was tired of helping Mrs. Carver with her household chores.
 - D. He wanted to open a laundry.

3. In paragraph four, it says that “Carver was particularly concerned with the plight of poor black farmers.” Which of these is the best synonym for *plight*?
 - A. problems
 - B. rudeness
 - C. shyness
 - D. ambition

4. What was the Jesup Wagon used for?
 - A. carrying picked cotton from the fields
 - B. hauling peanuts to market
 - C. taking farmers into town to go shopping
 - D. showing farming methods to farmers

5. In paragraph five, those Carver wanted to help are described as impoverished. Which of these is the best antonym for *impoverished*?
 - A. lonely
 - B. rich
 - C. intelligent
 - D. healthy

6. What is one of the reasons why Carver encouraged the farmers to grow peanuts?
 - A. There was a limited market for cotton.
 - B. Peanuts are a healthy food to eat because they are a good source of protein.
 - C. They would be able to make peanut candy.
 - D. Growing peanuts would make them famous.

7. With which of these statements would Carver have agreed?
 - A. A successful person is someone who becomes famous.
 - B. A successful person is someone who drives an expensive car.
 - C. A successful person is someone who helps to improve the lives of others.
 - D. A successful person is someone who makes a lot of money.

8. What made Carver's accomplishments particularly remarkable?
 - A. He had had very little education.
 - B. When he was a child, he was not very strong.
 - C. He was a scientist.
 - D. He had been born as a slave.