“The Lottery”

By Shirley Jackson

1. Which of the following is an example of situational irony from the story?
   1. “Some places have already quit the lotteries.”
   2. “Seventy-seventh year I been in the lottery,” Old Man Warner said as he went through the crowd. “Seventy-seventh time.”
   3. “The original paraphernalia for the lottery had been lost years ago…”
   4. “The children had stones already. And someone had given little Davy Hutchinson a few pebbles.”
2. Which of the following is an example of verbal irony in the context of the story?
   1. Mrs. Hutchinson’s terrified screams
   2. Old Man Warner’s condescending remarks
   3. Mr. Summers’ orderly directions
   4. Mrs. Delacroix’s cheerful greeting to Mrs. Hutchinson
3. “The morning of June 27th was clear and sunny, with the fresh warmth of a full-summer day; the flowers were blossoming profusely and the grass was richly green.” This quotes best contributes to which type of irony:
   1. Verbal irony
   2. Dramatic irony
   3. Situational irony
   4. Literal irony
4. Which of the following ***does not*** show how Shirley Jackson uses irony in the short story to contribute to the theme?
   1. The irony in the short story is used to show the hypocrisy of the townspeople.
   2. The irony helps to highlight the illogical reasoning behind the tradition of the lottery.
   3. The irony is used to emphasize the importance of empathy.
   4. The irony highlights the importance of a community that values long held beliefs.
5. What is ironic about the way in which the ritual of the lottery was conducted?
   1. It was conducted in a very deliberate manner, and the townspeople took the occasion very seriously.
   2. It was conducted very casually – similar to the square dances, the teen club, and the Halloween program.
   3. The townspeople approached the lottery in a way that showed they understood the reason for the ritual.
   4. The morbid ritual was approached by the townspeople as something to fear and avoid.