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- 5 The correct answer is C (**getting out of the pond**).

Type of Text: Literary

Benchmark: LA.3.2.1.2 The student will identify and explain the elements of story structure, including character/character development, setting, plot, and problem/resolution in a variety of fiction.

The correct answer is C. The main problem is that the young bird falls into the pond and he isn't the only animal in the water. The author states, the bass kept moving toward him . . . the wet blackbird would be hers. The young bird has to get out of the pond in order to be safe from the bass.

- 6 The correct answer is I (**scary**).

Type of Text: Literary

Benchmark: LA.3.2.1.7 The student will identify and explain an author's use of descriptive, idiomatic, and figurative language (e.g., personification, similes, metaphors, symbolism), and examine how it is used to describe people, feelings, and objects.

The correct answer is I. The words from the excerpted text describing the frantic parents' actions clue the student to the scary mood created by the author

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Article: •A Daredevil Performer

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- 13** The correct answer is C (more than ordinary).

Type of Text: Informational

Benchmark: LA.3.1.6.7 The student will use meaning of familiar base words and affixes (prefixes and suffixes) to determine meanings of unfamiliar complex words.

The correct answer is C. The prefix *extra-* means *more*. When combined with the word *ordinary*, as in *extraordinary*, the word means *more than ordinary*. The sentence also includes information that his *daring* feats *are* still remembered *today*, which supports the understanding of the word.

- 14** The correct answer is F (that the idea was sudden).

Type of Text: Informational

Benchmark: LA.3.1.6.9 The student will determine the correct meaning of words with multiple meanings in context. [Also assesses LA.3.1.6.6 The student will identify shades of meaning in *ad* words (e.g., *blaring*, *loud*).]

The correct answer is F. The term *at once* means all at one time, or sudden, and is intended

15 The correct answer is A (content).

Type of Text: Informational

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