April Fool's Day

"Ah, ha! Gotcha!"
People say, whenever April
Rolls around. A ritual of trickery.
It's always the same. We say,
"Look!" when nothing's there. Everyone

Forgets for a second that today is not like
Other days. It seems that no
One tells the truth today. Do you
Like to play tricks?
So do I.

Don't look now. There's
A hairy spider on your head. Ah, ha! Made
You look!

Please, don't get mad. I'm
Only kidding around. Nothing serious.
Eek! Why did you say there was a spider on
Me?
Name: ____________________________ Date: _______________

1. On April Fool's Day, the poet likes all of the following EXCEPT
   A. playing tricks
   B. kidding around
   C. being tricked
   D. the ritual of trickery

2. Read this stanza from the poem:

   Don't look now. There's

   A hairy spider on your head. Ah, ha! Made

   You look!

What is the purpose of this stanza?

   A. It explains how someone might enjoy getting tricked.
   B. It describes a spider landing on the author's head.
   C. It is an example of an April Fool's Day trick.
   D. It shows how much the author dislikes spiders.

3. Which of the following conclusions about the poet is supported by the poem?

   A. The poet wishes that every day were April Fool's Day.
   B. The poet is trying to put an end to April Fool's Day.
   C. The poet thinks April Fool's Day is very childish.
   D. The poet likes to celebrate April Fool's Day.
4. Read these lines from the poem:

People say, whenever April

Rolls around. A ritual of trickery.

Based on the text, the word **trickery** means

A. friendship
B. happiness
C. honesty
D. deceit

5. The primary purpose of this poem is to describe

A. the kinds of people that enjoy playing April Fool's Day tricks
B. why April Fool's Day has such ridiculous rituals
C. the ways that people can mislead and trick others
D. how the poet feels about April Fool's Day

6. How did the poet react when a trick was played on her?

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7. Whom is the poet speaking to in the poem? How do you know? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

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1. The theme of the poem includes the suggestion that
   A. April Fool's Day is the best holiday.
   B. nobody likes to be made a fool of.
   C. it's okay to lie to your parents.
   D. it can be fun to play jokes on others.

2. The poem both explains and shows a perfect example of
   A. what an April Fool is.
   B. the kind of April Fool tricks people play.
   C. the title of the poem.
   D. all of the above.

3. From the poem, we can assume the author is
   A. playful.
   B. serious.
   C. frustrated.
   D. boastful.

4. All of the following contribute to the theme of the poem except:
   A. some people are hurt on April Fool's Day.
   B. the author likes to play tricks.
   C. many people do not tell the truth on April Fool's Day.
   D. people say "gotcha" on April Fool's Day.

5. Why do you think the author used the first letter of each word in "April Fool's Day Poem" to write the lines of the poem?