Chapter three- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - Comprehension Questions

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below, using evidence from the text to support your answers.

Choose mild, spicy or hot- whatever is right for you. Remember to challenge yourself!

Mild: questions 1 - 8 Spicy: questions 7 - 15 Hot: questions 8 – 19

1. Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

ordinary	toboggan; sleigh
wretched	mean; nasty
hereafter	miserable; pitiful
sledge	henceforward; in the future
hoax	normal; commonplace
spiteful	trick; deception

2. Below are sentences from the novel with missing vocabulary terms. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

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- "Why, you goose," said Susan, ... "it's just an ______ wardrobe, look."
- "A jolly good ______, Lu," [Peter] said as he came out again; "you have really taken us in. . . ."
- The two elder ones did this without meaning to do it, but Edmund could be _____."
- She did not mean to hide in the wardrobe because she knew that would only set the others talking again about the whole ______ business.
- ...and at last there swept into sight a ______ drawn by two reindeer.
- "Ha! You shall know us better _____. But I repeat what are you?"

3. What did the others say after Lucy told them that she'd been gone for hours and hours? Identify one answer.

- a. They wondered where she had been.
- b. Peter scolded her for hiding from them.
- c. They said she'd only been in the room a few moments.
- d. Edmund told her that he wished she'd been gone for hours.

4. What did the other children find when Lucy showed them the wardrobe?

5. Who made fun of Lucy about her story of the wardrobe?

6. Who followed Lucy into the wardrobe?

7. Why did Edmund follow Lucy into the wardrobe?

8. Order these events:

Peter rapped his knuckles on the wardrobe	
Edmund tried to apologise to Lucy	
Lucy told the other children about the wardrobe	1
Edmund heard the sound of bells	
The children went fishing	

- 9. Why was Lucy so miserable? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.
- 10. What was meant to be 'delightful' about those days?
- 11. How did Lucy end up in the wardrobe a second time?
- 12. Where do you think Lucy went when returned to Narnia and why? Use evidence from any chapter you have read so far.
- 13. "The door must have swung open of its own accord." What does 'of its own accord' mean?
- 14. What did Edmund do that was foolish?
- 15. Edmund says, *"I see now you were right all along. Do come out. Make it Pax."*What do you think *'Make it Pax'* means? Identify <u>one</u> answer.
 - a. Reveal yourself
 - b. Hurry up
 - c. Forgive me
 - d. Don't be angry
- 16. Whilst in the wardrobe, Edmund began 'scrabbling wildly' in every direction. What does this mean?
- 17. Describe the White Witch in your own words and explain what this tells the reader about her.
- 18. Describe her transportation in your own words. What is strange about her choice of transportation?
- 19. Draw the scene that Edmund sees when he steps out of the wardrobe.