

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.
Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

Waiting Room Zoo

by Susan Noyes Anderson

I'm in the doctor's waiting room.
My mom is counting sheep.
The music they play here could put
an elephant to sleep.

5 They've wallpapered with animals.
This place looks like the zoo!
Do they think they can fool kids with
a kangaroo or two?

A doctor is a doctor, right?
10 A shot is still a shot.
And I don't care how many kinds
of animals they've got.

The nurse speaks baby talk to me.
(She thinks I'm half my age.)
15 You'd think I was a lion being
coaxed into my cage.

"Doctor is ready now," she coos.
"Come in, lamb, you'll be fine."
(Yeah, sure. And that's a needle from
20 a friendly porcupine!)

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19 Which words rhyme in each stanza of the poem?

- A** The last words in the second and fourth lines
- B** The last words in the first and fourth lines
- C** The last words in the first and third lines
- D** The last words in every line

20 The words in parentheses in line 14 emphasize that the speaker is —

- F** happy that the nurse is easy to understand
- G** annoyed by the way the nurse talks to her
- H** disappointed that the nurse does not know how old she is
- J** relieved that the nurse is trying to make her feel comfortable

21 The doctor's waiting room is decorated with animals most likely to —

- A** convince children that animals are interesting
- B** allow children to study animals during their visit
- C** help children imagine what going to the zoo is like
- D** create a pleasing environment for children

22 Read lines 17 and 18.

"Doctor is ready now," she coos.
"Come in, lamb, you'll be fine."

The dialogue used in these lines shows that —

- F** the nurse thinks that the speaker is acting childish
- G** the nurse thinks that the speaker is nervous about seeing the doctor
- H** the speaker is not entertained by the music in the waiting room
- J** the speaker is not distracted by the appearance of the waiting room

23 What is the message of this poem?

- A** Music can make a situation less stressful.
- B** Kind words can be very helpful.
- C** Children are amused by animals.
- D** Children are not easily fooled.