“Poison” by Roald Dahl

Please annotate the story for the following literary elements:

CHARACTERIZATION

PLOT

THEME

POV

PROTAGONIST

ANTAGONIST

CONFLICT

IRONY

SIMILE

DICTION

SYNTAX

IMAGERY

SETTING

SYMBOLISM

QUESTIONS

Match the following:

\_\_\_\_\_1. Discern A. heavy; hard to endure

\_\_\_\_\_2. Oppressive B. very strong anesthetic causing loss of feeling and unconsciousness

\_\_\_\_\_3. Krait C. marking on a measuring instrument

\_\_\_\_\_4. Malaria D. infectious disease causing frequent sweats and fever

\_\_\_\_\_5. Calibrations E. Poisonous Asian snake

\_\_\_\_\_6. Chloroform F. See; detect by looking carefully

\_\_\_\_\_7. Frivolous G. Silly; not as serious as it should be

\_\_\_\_\_8. The plot of “Poison” is based on the following situation:

1. A man discovers that his friend has malaria
2. A man kills a snake in order to help his friend
3. A man says that he has a poisonous snake on his stomach
4. An Indian doctor risks his life to help a patient

\_\_\_\_\_9. Dr. Ganderbai decided to use chloroform because:

1. He ran out of the antidote
2. It will kill the krait
3. It will make Harry relax
4. It will sedate the krait

\_\_\_\_\_10. Dr. Ganderbai can be described as:

1. An angry and irrational man
2. A calm and careful man
3. An unpredictable, emotional and sensitive man
4. A meditative and religious man

\_\_\_\_\_11. Use context clues to determine the authors meaning of the word BLOODY in the

following passage:

“Hours and bloody hours and hours. I can’t keep still much longer, I’ve been wanting to cough.”

1. Essential
2. Kinship
3. Cursed
4. Passionate

\_\_\_\_\_12. We can infer from Timber’s behavior and words that he

1. is excited by Harry’s behavior at the end of the story
2. is frightened by Harry’s behavior at the end of the story
3. is embarrassed by Harry’s behavior at the end of the story
4. enjoys Harry’s behavior at the end of the story

\_\_\_\_\_13. Why is the administration of the chloroform suspenseful?

1. Because Dr. Ganderbai explains that chloroform does not work well on coldblooded animals
2. Because Kraits sometimes quickly flee from chloroform
3. Because Harry is allergic to chloroform and may sneeze
4. Because Dr. Ganderbai does not believe he has enough chloroform