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Cane Toads: An Unnatural History

1. In the 1930s, the sugar cane crop was threatened by the _____
_____.
2. The Australians decide to import the _____ _____ to eat the sugar cane pest.
3. The term used to describe the sexual clasping of amphibians proceeding egg laying and fertilization is called _____.
4. The female toad can lay _____ thousand eggs in the summer.
5. The eggs become _____ that swim in the water and eventually grow legs.
6. They finally grow legs and come to land as small _____.
7. (T or F) The cane toads ate many of the cane grubs and beetles.
8. In 1945, what was the solution the cane farmers found to get rid of the cane grub and beetle?

9. Why was the gift the Australians sent to Prince Charles so unusual?

10. The glands in the cane toad that produce the toxic material is located in the _____.
11. (T or F) The Cane Toad toxin can kill small animals like cats and dogs.
12. What is an alternative use of the Cane Toad's toxin (an abuse)?
13. What is the maximum penalty you can receive for carrying the drug from the Cane Toad?
14. How do Cane Toads kill fish?
15. (T or F) Cane Toads are moist to the touch.
16. (T or F) You can get warts from handling Cane Toads.
17. (T or F) A Cane Toad must be severely harassed to exert its poison?
18. (T or F) Cane Toads eat only insects and grubs.
19. (T or F) Cane Toads can kill much of the natural habitat around them.
20. Explain how you feel the Cane Toad has changed the ecosystem of Australia.