(Figurative language and sound devices)

Hurt No Living Thing by Christina Rossetti

Hurt no living thing:
Ladybird, no butterfly
Nor moth with dusty wings,
No cricket chirping cheerily
Nor grasshopper so light of leap,
Nor dancing gnat, no beetle fat,
Nor harmless worms that creep.

1. Which phrase in the above poem uses alliteration to reach the reader’s senses?
   A. “cricket chirping cheerily”
   B. “Ladybird, no butterfly”
   C. “harmless worms that creep”
   D. “moth with dusty wings”

2. Her hair was a flowing cascade of golden water.
   Choose the best answer.
   This metaphor means that someone’s hair was ________________________________.
   A. long and brown
   B. long and blonde
   C. wet and blonde
   D. wet and brown

3. What is meant by the hyperbole in the sentence below?
   We have been waiting an eternity in the doctor’s office.
   A. waiting a long time
   B. patiently waiting
   C. not waiting long
   D. waiting for the doctor
4. Read the sentence below paying attention to the words in bold print. Choose the meaning of the words.

Laurie jumped **like a firecracker** when she was picked for the team.

A. slowly  
B. quickly  
C. smoothly  
D. happily

5. How does the simile in bold add meaning to the following passage?

Not even a wisp of wind stirred the woods on a crisp October day. The only sound was made by **acorns falling like small bombs** in the dry autumn woods. No animals moved, a bit unusual for this time of year. Perhaps they were scared by the sound of the nuts falling from the trees. In the distance, however, a faint rustling sound began to grow louder. A few minutes passed, and the sounds grew closer. A deer, its horn extended to the sky, stepped into the clearing.

A. The simile reveals the theme of the passage  
B. The simile suggests a plane flying overhead  
C. The simile contrasts with the stillness of the setting  
D. The simile adds vivid detail to the setting

6. Which sentence best describes the personification shown in this sentence?

The tropical storm slept for two days.

A. The tropical storm was terrible for two days.  
B. The weather was calm for two days.  
C. It hailed for two days and nights.  
D. The storm was raging for two days.