ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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1	**C**	2	**E**	3	**A**	4	**B**	5	**D**										

Explanations

1. **We may surmise, deduce, infer, and conclude from the narrative that the narrator**
✓ C) is currently staying at the Royal Hotel.
The first sentence says **I have been staying at the Royal Hotel for some time now**, so the narrator is a guest there at the moment. Not **has a room on the first floor**: he only walked past a room on that floor, and the story never says where his own room is.

2. ***The actors are***
✓ E) rehearsing, so they're play-acting.
The last paragraph says the man and woman **were actors** who **were trying to memorize their parts for a new play**. So they are **rehearsing**: their 'quarrel' is only acting. Not **having a genuine quarrel**, because the man says they **were not quarrelling at all**.

3. ***When he sees the woman is perfectly well and happy, the narrator***
✓ A) becomes confused.
When the woman laughs and says she is all right, the narrator asks **"What on earth is happening here?"**, which shows he does not understand the situation. He is **confused**. Not **gets furious**: he feels some **exasperation** (annoyance), but he is not wildly angry.

4. ***Here we have***
✓ B) just a pleasant little anecdote.
The text is a short, light story with a funny surprise at the end: the 'murder' is only actors practising. A short amusing story like this is an **anecdote**. Not **a scene from an exciting play**: the actors are rehearsing a play, but the text itself is the narrator's story about them.

5. ***The lesson we might draw from the story is that***
✓ D) things are sometimes not what they seem to be.
The narrator hears what sounds like a murder, but it is really two actors learning their parts. The lesson is that **things are sometimes not what they seem**: appearances can be misleading. Not **we shouldn't poke our nose into other people's business**: the narrator was trying to help, and the story does not criticize him for that.

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