Cynthia in the Snow
By Gwendolyn Brooks

Read the poem below. Use the poem to answer the questions below.

It SHUSHES
It hushes
The loudness in the road.
It flitter-twitters,
And laughs away from me.
It laughs a lovely
whiteness,
And whitely whirs away,
To be
Some otherwhere,
Still white as milk or shirts
So beautiful it hurts.

1. According to the poem, what does the snow want -
   a. to get inside where it is warm
   b. to play with Cynthia
   c. to become beautiful yellow snow
   d. to get away from where it is

2. Which figure of speech describes the snow -
   a. hyperbole
   b. simile
   c. metaphor
   d. personification

3. Who is the narrator of the poem?
   a. the snow
   b. Shushes
   c. Cynthia
   d. Gwendolyn Brooks

4. Based upon the poem, what can you infer about what the topic of the poem is?
   a. cold
   b. hate
   c. snow
   d. winter

5. Why is the word shuses written in capital letters?
   a. it looks better in the poem
b. to emphasis the importance of the word
   c. the author thought it was attractive
   d. it is the most important word in the entire poem

6. Which phrases support the central idea/main idea of the poem?

   a. whitely whirs
   b. beautiful it hurts
   c. lovely whiteness
   d. white as milk or shirts
   e. loudness in the road
   f. it hushes