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## Praying Mantis Families: From Mating to Egg-Laying

### Multiple Choice Questions

1. When do praying mantises usually mate?
  - A. In the spring
  - B. During rainy seasons
  - C. In the winter
  - D. During late summer or early fall
  
2. What is an ootheca?
  - A. A special case for protecting eggs
  - B. A chemical signal used to attract males
  - C. A type of prey for mantises
  - D. A habitat for nymphs
  
3. How many eggs can a single ootheca contain?
  - A. 10 to 20 eggs
  - B. 50 to 100 eggs
  - C. 100 to 400 eggs
  - D. 500 to 1,000 eggs
  
4. What happens to nymphs after they hatch?
  - A. They are cared for by their mother.
  - B. They immediately grow wings.
  - C. They are left to survive on their own.
  - D. They stay inside the ootheca for a year.
  
5. Why might a female mantis eat the male after mating?
  - A. To avoid predators
  - B. To provide nutrients for producing eggs
  - C. To protect her ootheca
  - D. To scare off other males

