Questions on Chapter 9: Cutaneous adverse effects of drugs

1. What is a likely differential of AGEP?
2. What does DRESS stand for?
3. Which has a higher mortality rate: DRESS or TEN?
4. You are giving iv penicillin to a patient. The patient immediately reports itching in the arm and elsewhere. What is going on? What will you do?
5. Occasionally, patients undergo challenge with a drug to see whether they react to it. In which type of reaction would you consider this plan of action very unwise?
6. Name a cause of fixed drug reactions. Why the name ‘fixed drug’?
7. Why do some drugs rashes occur after the drug has been stopped?
8. What is more important: the causative drug, or the morphological pattern of the rash?
9. Do drugs cause psoriasis?
10. You suspect a drug is causing a photosensitivity eruption. Why not stop the drug straight away?