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African Proverbs - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Almost all of Africa's many cultures contain _____.

- A. extensive written historical records
- ☒ C. a tradition of proverbs, or short, wise sayings
- B. myths and stories passed down through books
- D. a traditional music that uses a kora, or a 21-stringed instrument.

2. The people of Libya have a proverb about a camel that means _____.

- A. camels have bad vision
- C. appearances can be deceiving
- B. people shouldn't judge others based on looks
- ☒ D. it's hard to see your own flaws

3. Which of the following is a **false** statement?

- A. The Fula people are also called the Fulbe.
- C. The Fula people are nomadic.
- B. The Fula people live in West and Central Africa.
- ☒ D. The Fula people eat some types of stones.

4. The Ashanti Kingdom ruled present-day _____.

- ☒ A. Ghana
- C. Libya
- B. Ethiopia
- D. Tanzania

5. Which culture passes down stories every evening after dinner?

- A. The Fula
- C. The people of Tanzania
- ☒ B. The Ashanti
- D. The Ethiopians

6. What is the meaning of the following proverb?

Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable.

- A. Sticks are very strong.
- ☒ B. Sticking together makes you stronger.
- C. If you can break a stick, you're strong.
- D. Be careful not to break things.

7. Which of the following is a **false** statement?

- A. The people of Tanzania speak Swahili.
- ☒ B. The people of Tanzania share a common ethnicity.
- C. The people of Tanzania have a proverb about staying together.
- D. Arab traders built settlements in Tanzania in the first century.

8. Which of the following is a **true** statement?

- A. Ethiopia is one of the youngest countries in the world.
- ☒ B. Fossilized bones from early human ancestors have been found in Ethiopia.
- C. Europeans never invaded Ethiopia.
- D. Ethiopians were a military-obsessed people with little time to value stories or art.

9. True or false: Many African proverbs mention love as a powerful force.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

10. One of the major ethnic groups in Benin, Ghana and Togo are the _____ people.

- ☒ A. Ewe
- B. Ashanti
- C. Ethiopians
- D. Bantu