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# African Proverbs

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Almost all of Africa's many cultures contain \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 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?

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| 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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| A. Ghana    | C. Libya    |
| B. Ethiopia | D. Tanzania |

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

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| 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