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Deserts - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The ecosystems in a biome generally share the same

- A. evaporation.
- ☒ B. climate.
- C. ocean.
- D. farmland.

2. Deserts are best known for being

- A. cold.
- B. hot.
- C. wet.
- ☒ D. dry.

3. In a desert, evaporation is _____ than precipitation.

- ☒ A. greater
- B. less

4. Deserts are commonly found around _____ degrees of latitude.

- A. 0
- ☒ B. 30
- C. 45
- D. 60

5. True or False: Deserts can be very cold.

- ☒ A. True
- B. False

6. Which of these adaptations helps cacti hold on to water?

- A. deep roots
- B. large leaves
- ☒ C. sprawling roots
- D. green color

7. How do most desert animals conserve water?

- ☒ A. by resting during the day
- B. by hunting when it's hot and sunny
- C. by sweating a lot
- D. by eating leafy greens

8. Sandgrouses can store water in their

- A. talons.
- B. mouths.
- C. stomachs.
- ☒ D. feathers.

9. How have deserts been changing in recent years?

- A. They are shrinking and have almost disappeared.
- ☒ B. They are growing quickly.
- C. They are becoming wetter and cooler.
- D. They have not changed recently.

10. Which of these is an effect of desertification?

- ☒ A. loss of fertile land to farm
- B. more farmland to grow food
- C. more biodiversity worldwide
- D. cooler global temperatures