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Earth Day - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Most people didn't recycle or conserve resources before 1970 because they did not

- A. have time.
- B. care about the planet.
- C. have enough recyclable items.
- ☒ D. know how humans were hurting the planet.

2. An activist would most likely

- A. stay silent about a problem.
- ☒ B. participate in a peace march.
- C. complain about having to recycle.
- D. read about a local rally in the news but decide not to go.

3. Why was Earth Day planned for April 22?

- A. April 22 was Senator Nelson's birthday.
- B. Most college students would be on spring break in April.
- ☒ C. The weather was likely to be warm and pleasant toward the end of April.
- D. Senator Nelson didn't want his new holiday to compete with the 4th of July.

4. Earth Day influenced which of the following laws?

- ☒ A. the Clean Air Act, which controlled air pollution
- B. the Stamp Act, which taxed printed paper in the American Colonies
- C. the Civil Rights Act, which ended segregation and discrimination based on race
- D. the Equal Rights Amendment, which guaranteed equal rights for citizens no matter their gender

5. What has happened since the first Earth Day?

- A. Environmentalism lost popularity, and now few people celebrate Earth Day.
- ☒ B. Earth Day grew, and now over a billion people around the world celebrate it.
- C. Earth Day was cancelled because so few people celebrate it.
- D. Earth Day became a day that only Americans celebrate.

6. Who was Mr. Nelson?

- A. a local politician
- B. a state representative
- ☒ C. a United States senator
- D. the governor of Maryland

7. Which of the following would the Environmental Protection Agency most likely do?

- A. help a school pay for programs that teach students computer coding
- B. make sure a new medicine is safe for people to take
- C. help the state of Wisconsin repair a major highway
- ☒ D. make sure a company disposes of waste safely

8. Which of the following best describes Senator Nelson?

- A. He didn't like the outdoors.
- B. He didn't care about nature.
- ☒ C. He was a passionate environmentalist.
- D. He believed that only politicians could make a difference.

9. In 1985, there were only 16 Wyoming toads left in the wild. Which act might protect them?

- A. the Clean Air Act
- B. the Pollution Protection Act
- ☒ C. the Endangered Species Act
- D. the Water Quality Improvement Act

10. You can celebrate the next Earth Day by

- A. planting trees.
- B. picking up litter.
- C. writing your representatives and asking them to protect the planet.
- ☒ D. all of the above.