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Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Where was Sor Juana born?

- A. Argentina
- ☒ B. Mexico
- C. Guatemala
- D. Florida

2. At the time, Mexico was a(n) _____ territory.

- A. English
- B. Portuguese
- C. French
- ☒ D. Spanish

3. True or False: Sor Juana didn't enjoy reading until she was an adult.

- A. True
- ☒ B. False

4. Why did Juana want to cut her hair short and dress like a boy?

- A. So she could play sports
- ☒ B. So she could go to college
- C. So she could act in a play
- D. So she could fight in a war

5. What happened at the Spanish royal court?

- ☒ A. Juana passed difficult tests of knowledge.
- B. Juana married a prince from a neighboring territory.
- C. Juana was given permission to go to college.
- D. Juana was rejected from royal society.

6. Sor Juana performed like "a royal _____ against a few rowing boats."

- A. sword
- B. crown
- C. treasure
- ☒ D. galleon

7. Why did Sor Juana enter the convent and become a nun?

- A. To travel the world
- ☒ C. To avoid getting married
- B. To stop studying and learning
- D. To please her mother

8. Which of these did Sor Juana write?

- A. Poems and plays
- C. Musical compositions
- B. Mathematical studies
- ☒ D. All of the above

9. Why did bishops and other religious leaders criticize Sor Juana?

- A. For having a secret relationship with the viceroy
- C. For refusing to wear a nun's habit
- ☒ B. For not focusing her work on religion
- D. For not attending mass with the other nuns

10. How did Sor Juana die?

- A. She was burned at the stake.
- ☒ C. She contracted the plague.
- B. She passed away of old age.
- D. She died in a horse-riding accident.