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The Industrial Revolution - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Why was coal important to the Industrial Revolution?

- A. The smoke from burning coal harmed people's health.
- B. The discovery of coal caused a population spike.
- C. Coal-powered cars moved faster than railways.
- ☒ D. Coal could be used to power factories.

2. What was one cause of the population spike just prior to the Industrial Revolution?

- A. The baby boom
- ☒ B. Innovations in agriculture
- C. The rise of textile factories
- D. New theories about childbirth

3. What invention by Eli Whitney affected the textile industry?

- A. The loom
- ☒ B. The cotton gin
- C. The light bulb
- D. The steam engine

4. Which of these was NOT a direct result of the steam engine?

- A. People could travel farther than ever before.
- B. The number of factories around the world increased.
- ☒ C. People became focused on using cleaner energy.
- D. Demand for wage workers increased.

5. As a result of the Industrial Revolution, where did more people work?

- A. On farms
- B. On airplanes
- ☒ C. In factories
- D. In cubicles

6. What issues did factory workers encounter during the Industrial Revolution?

- A. Dangerous working conditions
- B. Cramped living spaces
- C. Low wages
- ☒ D. All of the above

7. How did workers respond to these conditions?

- ☒ A. They organized to demand better treatment.
- B. They passed laws to ban factory work.
- C. They built better apartment buildings.
- D. They purchased new consumer goods.

8. Where did people live as a result of factories' locations?

- A. Farms
- B. Suburbs
- ☒ C. Cities
- D. Colonies

9. Which social class emerged as a result of the Industrial Revolution?

- A. Nobility
- B. The upper class
- ☒ C. The middle class
- D. The lower class

10. Which of these was also an outcome of the Industrial Revolution?

- ☒ A. Environmental degradation
- B. Higher-priced goods
- C. Population growth in rural areas
- D. Lower incomes