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## Indian Checkpoint

**Directions:** Choose the best answer for each question. Read carefully and think about what you know about the Indian Ocean.

1. The Indian Ocean is located between Africa, Asia, Australia, and which polar region?  
A. Arctic  
B. Antarctic  
C. North Pole  
D. Greenland Sea
2. Which description best matches the climate of the Indian Ocean?  
A. Mostly cold with thick ice coverage  
B. Always stormy year round  
C. Cooler than the Pacific Ocean  
D. Warmest of all major oceans
3. Which natural event is strongly influenced by the warm waters of the Indian Ocean?  
A. Tornadoes  
B. Monsoons  
C. Earthquakes  
D. Snowstorms
4. Which ecosystem is commonly found in the Indian Ocean?  
A. Coral reefs  
B. Giant kelp forests  
C. Frozen tundra shores  
D. Lava fields
5. Why has the Indian Ocean been important for trade throughout history?  
A. It has no strong winds so travel is easy  
B. It is surrounded by only one continent  
C. It connects major regions and ancient trade routes  
D. It contains the world's longest rivers
6. Which animal is often associated with Indian Ocean ecosystems?  
A. Polar bears  
B. Penguins  
C. Whale sharks  
D. Moose
7. Countries around the Indian Ocean depend on monsoon patterns mainly because monsoons  
A. bring seasonal rain needed for farming  
B. create layers of sea ice  
C. stop all fishing activity  
D. wash away trade ports
8. A modern challenge facing the Indian Ocean is...?  
A. the shrinking of deserts around it  
B. a complete lack of marine life  
C. melting mountain glaciers  
D. rising sea temperatures and pollution
9. Shipping routes in the Indian Ocean are important today because...?  
A. they are rarely used  
B. they transport goods between continents  
C. they only support small local fishing boats  
D. they lead only to uninhabited islands
10. The coral reefs of the Indian Ocean are important because they...?  
A. produce snow that cools the water  
B. are not affected by climate changes  
C. are used for building cities  
D. support many species and protect coastlines