Wetlands Trivia

**Background**
The Six Springs Wetlands were uncovered during a park expansion in 2009. This productive ecosystem was previously overgrown and suffocated by invasive species but now is a habitat for critters of all kinds. This trivia will help you learn more about our fabulous wetlands and why it is so important. See how you stack up and don’t forget to visit the Six Springs Wetlands to see nature in action!

**Key Terms**
Wetlands - areas that are saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support an array of vegetation

**Trivia Questions**
1. Wetlands are sometimes called ____________ because many species use them as an area to protect and raise their young
   A. Nurseries
   B. Schools
   C. Safe zones
2. Freshwater and saltwater marshes, swamps, and bogs are also considered wetlands.
   A. True
   B. False
3. Wetlands are covered in vegetation. These plants absorb ____________ and thrive in the rich soil.
   A. Sediments
   B. Small invertebrates
   C. Nutrients
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4. ______________ are one of the most commonly seen insects in wetlands and are known for being fast fliers and their colorful wings.
   A. Bumblebees
   B. Dragonflies
   C. Praying Mantis

5. Which of the following groups of wildlife would NOT be found in a wetland ecosystem?
   A. Deer, frogs, and snakes
   B. Salamanders, beavers, and turtles
   C. Scorpions, ostriches, and fox

6. All species in a wetland will live there their entire life.
   A. True
   B. False

7. Wetlands are able to __________ the environment around it by filtering pollution from water, neutralizing toxic substances, and acting as a treatment center in many ways.
   A. Purify
   B. Destroy
   C. Pollute

8. Wetlands can help prevent ____________ because the grounds soak up excess water (like a sponge!) to later release.
   A. Deforestation
   B. Erosion
   C. Storms

9. ______________ are a type of animal that live the early parts of their life in water and the older parts on land - making wetlands a perfect place to live!
   A. Reptiles
   B. Birds
   C. Amphibians

10. Many wetlands are protected by ________________ to ensure that the land is not developed or destroyed by humans.
    A. Federal/State laws
    B. Teachers
    C. Scientists
Trivia Answers
1. A. Nurseries
2. A. True
3. C. Nutrients
4. B. Dragonflies
5. C. Scorpions, ostriches, and fox
6. B. False
7. A. Purify
8. B. Erosion
9. C. Amphibians
10. A. Federal/State laws