Western Migration Quiz (1810–1830)

Part I: Multiple Choice

1. What was a major reason people moved west between 1810 and 1830?
   - A. To find factory jobs
   - B. To obtain cheap land
   - C. To escape cold weather
   - D. To join the military

2. Which trail was most commonly used by early western settlers?
   - A. Oregon Trail
   - B. Santa Fe Trail
   - C. Wilderness Road
   - D. Appalachian Trail

3. Who helped open the Wilderness Road for settlers?
   - A. Daniel Boone
   - B. Andrew Jackson
   - C. Thomas Jefferson
   - D. John Adams

4. What river was especially important for transporting goods westward?
   - A. Hudson River
   - B. Mississippi River
   - C. Colorado River
   - D. Columbia River

5. The War of 1812 encouraged westward migration because:
   - A. It destroyed western lands
   - B. It made travel easier
   - C. It reduced Native American resistance
   - D. It increased taxes

6. What invention made river travel faster and easier?
   - A. Cotton gin
   - B. Steam engine
   - C. Steamboat
   - D. Telegraph

7. Which group was most negatively affected by westward expansion?
   - A. Factory workers
   - B. Immigrants
   - C. Native Americans
   - D. Merchants

8. What was one danger faced by settlers traveling west?
   - A. Traffic jams
   - B. Lack of internet
   - C. Disease and harsh weather
   - D. High rent prices

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9. What type of land system encouraged people to move west?
   A. Free housing programs
   B. Land grants and low-cost land sales
   C. Industrial contracts
   D. Military drafts

10. What was a common method of transportation for settlers?
   A. Airplanes
   B. Covered wagons
   C. Subways
   D. Bicycles

Part II: True or False

Write (T) for True or (F) for False.

11. ____ Most western settlers moved for adventure only.

12. ____ Rivers were important transportation routes.

13. ____ Native Americans benefited from westward expansion.

14. ____ The steamboat improved travel on rivers.

15. ____ Western migration only happened after 1850.

Part III: Short Answer

16. Give one reason why settlers wanted to move west.

17. Name one challenge settlers faced during migration.

18. Explain how transportation improvements helped migration.

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