The Oregon Trail Quiz

Part I: Multiple Choice

1. The Oregon Trail was a route used by settlers traveling from:
   a) North to South
   b) East to West
   c) West to East
   d) South to North

2. Where did most settlers begin their journey on the Oregon Trail?
   a) New York
   b) Boston
   c) Missouri
   d) Florida
3. What was the main reason settlers traveled the Oregon Trail?
   a) To find gold
   b) To reach fertile land in Oregon
   c) To visit family
   d) To escape war
4. What type of wagon was commonly used on the trail?
   a) Tank
   b) Prairie schooner
   c) Boxcar
   d) Stagecoach
5. Which of the following was a common danger on the Oregon Trail?
   a) Traffic accidents
   b) Disease
   c) Air pollution
   d) Skyscrapers
6. What river did settlers often follow along the trail?
   a) Mississippi River
   b) Columbia River
   c) Platte River
   d) Hudson River
7. About how long did the journey typically take?
   a) 1 week
   b) 1 month
   c) 4–6 months
   d) 1 year
8. What was one important supply settlers needed?
   a) Television
   b) Food
   c) Computers
   d) Cars

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Part II: Matching

Match each term below with the correct description.

Pioneer Wagon train Fort Trail guide Cholera

Descriptions:

1. _____ - A disease that spread quickly among settlers
2. _____ - A group of wagons traveling together
3. _____ - A person who led travelers along the route
4. _____ - A person who moved to settle new land
5. _____ - A safe stopping place along the trail

Part III: Fill in the Blank

1. The Oregon Trail ended in the _____ Territory.
2. Settlers traveled in covered wagons often called "_____ schooners."
3. One reason settlers moved west was for free or cheap _____.
4. Many travelers suffered from diseases such as _____.
5. The journey west required great _____ and hard work.

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