Earth's Shape Practice Worksheet

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1. The planets of the solar system are spherical because of

    a. Centrifugal force
    b. Gravity
    c. Their spin
    d. Their rock type

2. A hemisphere is one-fourth of a sphere.

    a. TRUE
    b. FALSE

3. Which of these is evidence that the Earth is not flat?

    a. A ship going out to sea getting smaller as if moves further away from you
    b. The shadows of the moon during a lunar eclipse
    c. The sun rising and setting as an arc
    d. All of the above

4. Which spherical planet is a bit squished down at the poles and bulges a bit at the equator?

    a. Pluto
    b. Earth
    c. Venus
    d. Mercury

5. Ancient Greeks documented the earliest evidence of Earth's spherical shape.

    a. TRUE
    b. FALSE

6. North of the Equator is known as the _____.

    a. Northern hemisphere
    b. Western hemisphere
    c. Southern hemisphere
    d. Eastern hemisphere

7. The arc shape of Earth's shadow on the moon during a _____ eclipse exposed Earth as being round.

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a. lunar
b. solar

8. It wasn't until Galileo's time that people realized that Earth was round.

a. TRUE
b. FALSE

9. Earth's minor axis is the diameter through its poles.

a. TRUE
b. FALSE

10. The Southern Hemisphere is south of the Equator to the _____ Pole.

a. West
b. North
c. East
d. South

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