Linguistic Geography Basics

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1. Which country has the highest number of living indigenous languages?

A) Papua New Guinea
B) Brazil
C) Australia
D) Canada

2. What is the most spoken native language in the world by number of speakers?

A) English
B) Spanish
C) Mandarin Chinese
D) Hindi

3. Which of these languages is primarily spoken in Brazil?

A) Spanish
B) French
C) Portuguese
D) Italian

4. In which continent did the Romance languages, such as Italian and French, originate?

A) Asia
B) Europe
C) Africa
D) South America

5. Which language is the official language of the most countries?

A) English
B) Arabic
C) French
D) Spanish

6. What is the primary language spoken in Egypt?

A) Hebrew
B) Arabic
C) Turkish
D) Persian

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7. The language 'Swahili' is a major lingua franca in which region?

A) East Africa
B) West Africa
C) Northern Europe
D) Central Asia

8. Which language family does Finnish belong to, distinct from most of its European neighbors?

A) Indo-European
B) Uralic
C) Semitic
D) Sino-Tibetan

9. Japanese is the primary language of which island nation?

A) Indonesia
B) Philippines
C) Japan
D) Sri Lanka

10. Which of these countries has the largest number of English speakers?

A) United Kingdom
B) Australia
C) United States
D) Canada

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