Earth's Interior, Plate Tectonics and Earthquakes — Practice Test

Northwest Territories Geology 12 (MGEOL12) • 10 questions

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1 **As distance from an epicentre increases, the time gap between P wave and S wave arrivals generally**

- A reverses
- B increases
- C decreases
- D stays at zero

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2 **At least how many seismic stations are needed to locate an epicentre by triangulation**

A 1

B 2

C 3

D 5

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3 **Surface waves usually cause the most damage to buildings because they**

A travel through the core

B arrive first

C are too small to detect

D shake the ground strongly at the surface

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4 **A large earthquake in a subduction zone off the BC coast is a tsunami risk mainly because it can**

- A displace a large volume of seawater
- B warm coastal air
- C melt coastal ice
- D lower the tide permanently

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5 **Buildings in earthquake prone areas are made safer by**

- A building on loose fill only
- B flexible design and strong foundations
- C rigid unbraced walls
- D heavy unsecured roofs

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6 **The schematic map of Canada shades regions by seismic level. The region shown at level 3, the highest level, is**

- A Ontario
- B Atlantic
- C British Columbia
- D Prairies

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7 **An earthquake early warning system works by detecting fast P waves and alerting people before the stronger**

- A weather changes
- B ocean tides
- C volcanic ash
- D shaking arrives

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8 **Aftershocks are smaller earthquakes that follow a larger earthquake as the crust**

- A adjusts around the fault
- B melts completely
- C stops moving forever
- D becomes part of the mantle

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9 **A fault is a break in Earth crust along which rocks have moved**

- A evaporated
- B relative to each other
- C melted into lava
- D turned into soil

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10 **Stress builds along a locked fault until the rocks suddenly slip, which releases energy as**

A wind

B rainfall

C seismic waves

D ocean currents

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ANSWER KEY

1.	B	**5.**	B	**9.**	B
2.	C	**6.**	C	**10.**	C
3.	D	**7.**	D		
4.	A	**8.**	A		

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