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What's Your News IQ?

Directions: Read the Scholastic News Online story "A New Type of Cloud?" Then answer the questions below. For questions 1 through 7, fill in the circle next to the best answer. For question 8, write a brief response on the lines.

1. Which of these is NOT one of the main cloud categories?

- (A) stratus
- (B) cirrus
- (C) storm
- (D) cumulus

2. The clouds that Jane Wiggins observed in 2006 were

- (A) shaped like a funnel.
- (B) shaped like cotton balls.
- (C) wispy and white.
- (D) green and yellow.

3. According to the story, Gavin Pretor-Pinney is a

- (A) meteorologist.
- (B) scientist.
- (C) cloud admirer.
- (D) professional pilot.

4. Cirrus clouds resemble

- (A) feathers.
- (B) marshmallows.
- (C) fog.
- (D) perfect circles.

5. What group has the authority to officially name clouds?

- (A) The World Cloud Naming Association
- (B) The World Meteorological Association
- (C) The Cloud Appreciation Society
- (D) The Royal Meteorological Society

6. You can infer from the story that

- (A) Jane Wiggins might have faked her cloud photographs.
- (B) the unusual clouds will be named for Jane Wiggins.
- (C) the unusual clouds have been seen in several places.
- (D) new cloud types are named about every 10 years.

7. The story says, "There are a few obstacles standing in Pretor-Pinney's way." You can infer that the word obstacles means

- (A) storms.
- (B) races.
- (C) scientists.
- (D) problems.

8. What would you name the unusual cloud type if it were up to you? Why?
