What’s Your News IQ?

Directions: Read the Scholastic News Online story about the earthquake in Haiti (“Disaster in Haiti”). 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. The capital of Haiti is
   A. Haiti City.
   B. Hispaniola.
   C. Port-au-Prince.
   D. Carrefour.

2. From the story, you can determine that the massive earthquake in Haiti did NOT
   A. collapse many homes.
   B. cut the country off from outside aid.
   C. destroy hospitals.
   D. kill tens of thousands of people.

3. The home of the President of Haiti is called
   A. the Presidential Palace.
   B. the White House.
   C. the Palace of Haiti.
   D. the Capitol.

4. The United States is trying to help Haiti by sending
   A. money.
   B. help for relief and rescue efforts.
   C. troops to police the streets.
   D. all of the above

5. Before the earthquake, Haitians were already struggling because
   A. their country is in a civil war.
   B. a tornado recently hit the country.
   C. most of them are very poor.
   D. a drought has ruined crops.

6. Haiti is on the island of Hispaniola with the country of
   A. Cuba
   B. Mexico
   C. Costa Rica
   D. the Dominican Republic

7. The article says “the earthquake had a magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter scale.” You can infer that the word magnitude refers to
   A. its size or strength.
   B. how long it lasted.
   C. where it happened.
   D. how it compares to the last big earthquake in the area.

8. How does the movement of tectonic plates cause an earthquake like the one in Haiti to occur?

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