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Section 1   The Tidewater Region
Directions: Use the information from pages 6-11 to complete the following statements.

1. In the southern part of the coast, the Tidewater is no more than _________ miles wide.

2. The land is influenced by the daily movement of the ocean’s ________________.

3. The most famous barrier islands along the coast are called the _________  __________.

4. Most barrier islands are less than ___________ miles across.

5. The ocean current running by Cape Hatteras is the _______________  _______________.

6. Cape Hatteras has been called the “_________________ ___  _____  __________________” because of the dangers just offshore.

7. North Carolina has ______________ major sounds, which are mixed bodies of water that are just behind the barrier islands.

8. The ________________ Sound is the deepest and largest in the state.

9. Common wetlands in the state are estuaries and __________________________.

10. Most of the ___________________________ lakes in North Carolina are in the Tidewater.

11. Lake Mattamuskeet is fifteen miles across at its longest, but averages only _________ feet in depth.

12. Throughout the state’s history, the Tidewater has been one of the __________ populated regions.

Section 2   The Coastal Plain Region
Directions: Use the information from pages 12-17 to complete the following statements.

1. The Coastal Plain takes up about a ________________ of the area of North Carolina.

2. Two central characteristics of the Coastal Plain are its flatness and its ________________.

3. The rivers of the Coastal Plain generally flow in a ________________ direction.
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4. Coastal Plain residents have generally lived in rural crossroads ________________
   and small ________________ towns.

5. Before tobacco fields, the ____________ ___________ was the most common sight on
   the Coastal Plain.

6. Elongated depressions in the ground in the southern part of the Coastal Plain are called
   ________________ _________________.

7. These mysterious depressions provide some of the richest ________________
   and best ________________ habitats in the state.

8. The Coastal Plain has long attracted people of different ________________
   ________________ who came to take advantage of its dark soil and other resources.

9. The most distinctive people of the Coastal Plain are the ____________ of Robeson County.

10. This group from Robeson County and the surrounding area forms the largest population
    of ________________ ________________ in the state.

Section 3 The Piedmont Region
Directions: Use the information from pages 18-27 to complete the following statements.

1. The Piedmont region’s unforgettable feature is its ________________ ________________.

2. In Latin, Piedmont means “______________ ___ ___ _________________."

3. The line dividing the Piedmont from the Coastal Plain is called the ________ ________.

4. One of the key reasons ________________ developed in the state was the lack of
   connection between the _____________________ of the Piedmont and Coastal Plain.

5. Since the end of World War II, many Piedmont farmers have returned to ____________.

6. ________________, tobacco, and _______________ were regarded as the three principal
   industries in the state for a large part of its history.

7. All three industries went into a decline in the 1990s because of ____________ competition.