DIRECTIONS  Read each sentence. Fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. Geographers describe West Africa’s climates as ____________ because they stretch from east to west in bands. (savanna/zonal)

2. Desertification in the ____________ is causing the expansion of the Sahara. (Gulf of Guinea/Sahel)

3. The ____________ brings life-giving water to West Africa. (Niger River/Gulf of Guinea)

4. Hundreds of miles from the coast in Mali, the Niger River divides into a network of channels called the inland ____________. (Sahara/delta)

5. Very little vegetation grows in the ____________, and few people live there. (savanna/Sahara)

DIRECTIONS  Read each description. On the lines below, write the letter of the term or place that best matches each description.

6. area of tall grasses, scattered trees, and shrubs
   a. savanna
   b. Niger River
   c. zonal

7. describes climates in West Africa
   a. savanna
   b. Niger River
   c. zonal

8. most important river in West Africa
   a. savanna
   b. Niger River
   c. zonal