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- A. Insects
- B. Meat
- C. Fruits
- D. Grass

2) Who has revered the bison for thousands of years?

- A. Roman emperors
- B. Ancient Egyptians
- C. Native American tribes
- D. Medieval knights

3) What is a baby Bison called?

- A. Puppy
- B. Red dog
- C. Calf
- D. Baby Bison

4) Where can you usually find bison grazing?

- A. Open grasslands, forests, and plains
- B. Mountains and cliffs
- C. Deserts and wastelands
- D. Lakes and swamps

5) What is the shape of the bison's horns?

- A. Branching
- B. Circular
- C. Straight
- D. Curved

6) When do Bisons usually eat?

- A. In the morning and evening
- B. In the afternoon
- C. At midnight
- D. At night

7) What happened to the Bison due to over-hunting?

- A. They evolved to become faster
- B. They migrated to different regions
- C. They became extinct
- D. Their numbers decreased

8) How do American Bisons find grass in winter?

- A. They use their big heads to clear the snow
- B. They dig with their hooves
- C. They eat tree bark instead of grass
- D. They eat the snow

9) How long can a bison live in the wild?

- A. Up to 30 years
- B. Up to 25 years
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10) What is another name for the American Bison?

- A. Buffalo
- B. Fur Dogs
- C. Caribou
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