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Instructions: Answer the first six questions with complete sentences. Choose the best option for the last four questions.

Part A – Descriptive Questions (Answer in your own words):

1. What is bilingualism, and how can a person become bilingual?
2. Describe one cognitive advantage of being bilingual.
3. What challenges might someone face when learning a second language later in life?
4. What is the difference between simultaneous and sequential bilingualism?
5. Why is it important to preserve heritage languages within families or communities?
6. How does bilingualism contribute to cultural identity and global understanding?

Part B – Multiple Choice (Circle the correct answer):

7. What is code-switching?
A. Speaking in secret codes
B. Learning two languages in school
C. Switching between two languages in conversation
D. Reading and writing in one language only
8. At what age is it generally easiest to learn a second language fluently?
A. After age 30
B. In early childhood
C. During retirement
D. In college
9. What is additive bilingualism?
A. Learning a second language while losing the first
B. Using only one language at home
C. Learning a second language while maintaining the first
D. Replacing the first language completely
10. Which country is officially bilingual, recognizing both English and French?
A. Canada
B. Japan
C. Brazil
D. Germany

[ANSWER KEY – For Instructor Use Only]

Descriptive Answers (Sample Responses):

Bilingualism is the ability to speak and understand two languages. A person can become bilingual by learning a second language at home, school, or through immersion.

Bilingual individuals often have better multitasking and problem-solving skills.

Adults may struggle with pronunciation, memory retention, or lack of time to practice.

Simultaneous bilingualism means learning two languages from birth, while sequential bilingualism involves learning one after the other.

Heritage languages help maintain cultural roots, traditions, and family connections.

Bilingualism promotes empathy, communication across cultures, and appreciation for diversity.

Multiple Choice:

7. C
8. B
9. C
10. A