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1. What is the most commonly used answer in NYT crossword puzzles (at least during the Shortz era), with 501 appearances as of this quiz's release?

- a) ATE                      b) ONE                      c) ERA                      d) ERE

2. Who is the all-time leading point scorer in NBA history?

- a) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar      b) Michael Jordan      c) LeBron James      d) Wilt Chamberlain

3. In March 2016, scandal erupted when an investigation revealed that the crossword editor of which newspaper had been repeatedly plagiarizing NYT puzzles?

- a) National Enquirer      b) USA Today      c) Washington Post      d) NY Daily News

4. How many US states border the Pacific Ocean?

- a) 3                      b) 4                      c) 5                      d) 6

5. In Shakespeare's tragedy Romeo and Juliet, what's Romeo's last name?

- a) Capulet                      b) DeCaprio                      c) Lear                      d) Montague

6. Which US president once coauthored a NYT crossword?

- a) Bill Clinton                      b) Barak Obama                      c) Donald Trump                      d) Benjamin Franklin

7. Which country has the longest land border?

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8. The Sunday puzzle is intended to be equal in difficulty to which daily puzzle?

- a) Tuesday                      b) Wednesday                      c) Thursday                      d) Friday

9. Who was the first golfer to win the Masters Tournament two years in a row?

- a) Tiger Woods                      b) Arnold Palmer                      c) Ben Hogan                      d) Jack Nicklaus

10. Which two days are routinely commemorated every year with a themed puzzle?

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11. What are the four houses at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? (Spelling doesn't count.)

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12. In what year did the New York Times begin printing crosswords?

- a) 1878                      b) 1911                      c) 1942                      d) 2001

13. Hopalong Cassidy is a fictional cowboy hero, what was the name of his horse?

- a) Silver                      b) Topper                      c) Trigger                      d) Flicka