

LISTENING

Time: 15 minutes

You will hear a lecture on desert plants. First you have some time to look at questions 1 to 10.

Complete the notes below.

Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS for each answer.

DESERT PLANTS

Background

- Deserts found in what is known as a **1**[or dry area],
- Annual rainfall, if any, amounts to a **2**
- Soil contains a lot of salt and **3**.....

General adaptations of desert plants

- They can **4** and store water.
- They have features that reduce water loss.

Examples of adaptations

- *Saguaro Cactus*: stores water in its **5**
- *Barrel Cactus*: can **6** or shrink according to weather
- *Old Man Cactus*: has **7** that reflect the sun
- *Prickly Pear Cactus*: has **8** to keep away animals
- *Desert Spoon*: leaves are **9** to reduce water loss
- *Aloe Plant*: leaf surface acts like a **10** covering and keeps water inside

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET!