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Understanding the Water Cycle and Its Importance to the Environment

Part One: Matching

Instructions. **Match the term with the correct response. Write the letter of the term by the definition.**

a. precipitation
b. estuary
c. distillation
d. stream banks
e. ocean
f. transpiration
g. saline water
h. stream bed
i. stream
j. desalination

_____1. Removal of salt from water.
_____2. The bottom of a channel.
_____3. Moisture from the atmosphere that is returned to the earth.
_____4. Boiling of water and collection of its vapor.
_____5. The sides of a channel.
_____6. A non-flowing body of water.
_____7. The area where a body of freshwater flows into a body of salt water.
_____8. The process of plants releasing water through their leaves.
_____9. A flowing body of water.
____10. Water that contains salt.

Part Two: Completion

Instructions. **Provide the word or words to complete the following statements.**

1. The three types of saline water are _____, _____, and _____ _____.
2. The water cycle is also known as the _____ cycle.
3. The study of flowing water and its environment is called _____ _____.

Part Three: Short Answer

Instructions. **Provide information to answer the following questions.**

1. Describe the water cycle.

2. List the seven types of non-flowing bodies of water.