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Continental Drift Worksheet

Directions: Match the descriptions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the letter of the correct term in the blank at the left.

Column I

1. Reptile fossil found in South America and Africa
2. Fossil plant found in Africa, Australia, India, South America, and Antarctica
3. Clues that support continental drift
4. Mountains similar to those in Greenland and western Europe
5. Wegener's name for one large landmass
6. Slow movement of continents
7. Evidence that Africa was once cold

Column II

- A. Appalachians
- B. continental drift
- C. fossil, climate, and rock
- D. glacial deposits
- E. Glossopteris
- F. Mesosaurus
- G. Pangaea

Directions: Answer the following questions in the space provided.

8. How did the discovery of Glossopteris support Wegener's continental drift hypothesis?

9. Why was Wegener's hypothesis of continental drift not widely accepted at the time it was proposed? What do scientists now think might be a possible cause of continental drift?