**Assistive Device Research Sheet Answer Key**

*NOTE: Many of these questions have more than one answer. Thus, these are example answers.*

1. **What is a disability?**
   A disability is a physical or mental handicap or condition that limits a person’s movements, senses or activities.

2. **How do disabilities affect humans?**
   They often prevent a person from living a full, normal life or from holding a job and being independent.

3. **Define: assist.**
   To give support, aid or help.

4. **What is an assistive device?**
   An assistive device is something designed or adapted to help people with physical, developmental or other disorders to perform actions, tasks and activities.

5. **List three assistive devices.**
   Examples: eyeglasses, wheelchairs, canes, walkers, hearing aids.

6. **How do assistive devices help humans?**
   Assistive devices can help persons with disabilities perform many activities of daily living or other things that they would not normally be able to do.

7. **Define: activity of daily living (ADL).**
   An ADL is any routine or task that people tend do every day without needing assistance.

8. **List three ADLs.**
   Cooking and feeding yourself, getting dressed, cleaning yourself.

9. **Define: custom made.**
   Made for an individual or to a certain individual’s specifications.

10. **Why are some things custom made?**
    Some things are custom made because everyone is different and not every product or item that people use can be fit or used by everyone.

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