

CLASS : 5

SUBJECT : SOCIAL SCIENCE

Ch-3 Our Earth - Continents and Oceans

Land of the Earth is separated into large landmasses called continents. There are seven continents in the world. They are Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, South America and Antarctica.

The continents are surrounded by water. These water masses are known as oceans. The oceans are continuous masses of salt water. They cover large portion of earth. There are five oceans in the world. They are Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean and Southern Ocean.

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• Asia : Asia is the largest continent in the world. It occupies one-third of the land area of our planet. There are ocean on three sides of this landmasses. Mt. Everest, the highest mountain peak in the world. It has the world's most populous countries of China and India.

• Africa : Africa is the second largest continent in the world. This vast land is home to a variety of wildlife. Africa is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea to the north, both the Suez Canal and the Red Sea along the Sinai Peninsula to the north east.

- North America : North America is the world's third largest continent. The Rocky Mountains is the most significant mountain range here. Mt McKinley (6,193 m) is the continent's highest peak.
- South America : South America is the fourth largest continent in the world. This continent is famous for its biodiversity. The Amazon rainforests of South America are the largest and densest of forests in the world.
- Antarctica : Antarctica is the Earth's southernmost continent, overlying the South Pole. It is the fifth largest continent in the world and is situated in the Southern Hemisphere and is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.
- Europe : Europe is the sixth largest continent in size, and contains many technologically advanced nations. The countries in Europe are generally small.
- Australia : The smallest continent which is also a country is Australia. It is an island country since it is surrounded by water on all sides and is located entirely in the Southern hemisphere. The Great Barrier Reef and the Great Australian Desert are two well-known features of this continent.

* HOME - WORK *

NOTE :- Learn and Write all these questions

ques 1 Answer these questions :-

- a) What are continents?
- b) Which is the largest continent?
- c) Describe Australia continent.
- d) Which is the highest peak in the world?

ques 2 Fill in the blanks

- a) There is no permanent human population in the continent of _____.
- b) The largest desert in the world _____
- c) _____ is the only continent which is also an island.

ques 3 On a Map of the world, Mark the Seven Continents.

ques 4 Word - meaning :-

• Landmasses :-	भूभाग
• Portion :-	भाग
• Peak :-	चोटी
• Subcontinent :-	उपमहाद्वीप
• Wildlife :-	वन्यजीवन
• Surrounded :-	द्वारा घेरा हुआ
• Biodiversity :-	जैव विविधता
• Creatures :-	जीव - जंतु
• Permafrost :-	स्थायी तुषार