

Class:-8th

Geography, Chapter:-9

A. State one difference between each of the following:-

1. Rivers that drain northwards into the Arctic Ocean and the rivers that drain eastward into the Pacific Ocean.

Ans.1 Most of the rivers which flow into the Arctic ocean freeze over in the winter months, and can be used as transport route for sleighs during that time, and for boats in the summer. Whereas the water of the rivers draining into the pacific do not freeze over and are used for irrigation purposes.

2. Rivers that drain into the Aral Sea and rivers that drain into the Persian Gulf.

Ans.2 Because Aral sea flowing rivers viz Abu Dariya and sir dariya have been diverted now but Persian Gulf get freshwater from euphrates and tigris rivers.

3. The Pamir Knot and the Armenian Knot.

Ans.3 Pamir knot is the junction of 5 mountain knots. These are the himalayas, Altai, Kunlun, Karakoram and the Hindu Kush. Where Armenian knot is a high altitude zone from where mountain ranges like Zagros, pontic, Taurus and Elburton radiate.

B. Answer the following:-

1. What is the latitudinal and longitudinal extent of Asia?

Ans.1 Asia extends between latitudes **10°S** and **80°N** and longitudes **26°E** and **170°W**.

2. Name the largest and smallest countries of Asia.

Ans.2 Russia is the largest and Maldives is the smallest country of Asia.

3. What is 'Eurasia'?

Ans.3 Asia is continuous with the continent of Europe, the land mass is also called Eurasia.

4. Name one river that flows into the Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean.

Ans.4 Arctic Ocean-the Mackenzie, Pacific Ocean- the Fraser and Indian Ocean- the Zambezi.

5. Why Tibet is called the 'Roof of the World'?

Ans.5 This plateau is the highest in the world and called the '**roof of the world**'.

6. What is an archipelago? Give an example.

Ans.6 An archipelago is a group of islands lying near the coast of a continent. Example:-The Indonesian archipelago.

C. Give reasons for the following:-

1. River valleys are important.

Ans.1 Rivers are mainly dense because of not only the benefit that they possess with themselves but also with the help of these rivers, the land gets fertile and they become the best choice for people to grow vegetables and then get their life settled and the temperature as well as climate also remains good.

2. Asia is called the Land of Contrasts.

Ans.2 Because Asia has some of the densely populated places like India and China. On the other hand, it has also sparsely populated places such as Siberia and the Thar Desert. Various climatic conditions and so many cultures and languages, it is a land of contrasts.

3. Large parts of Siberian Plains of Asia are marshy.

Ans.3 Large parts of the northern lowland of Asia are marshy because these are drained by three rivers, Yenisei, Ob and Lena. Further, the presence of several lakes has also made it swampy and marshy.

D. Name the following:-

1. This is known as the Roof of the world.

Ans. The Tibetan Plateau.

2. This forms a physical barrier between Europe and Asia.

Ans.2 The Ural Mountains.

3. This forms the western edge to the plateau of peninsular India.

Ans.3 Arabian Sea.