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I. Answer the following questions:

1. Name the desert we see in Asia.

Ans: Asia has a variety of deserts. Among the most well-known are the Arabian Desert and the Gobi Desert.

2. What are Australia and Oceanic together called?

Ans: Australia and Oceanic together are called Australasia.

3. Why is Asia called the Land of contrasts?

Ans: a. Asia is the biggest continent that has different types of land features such as mountain, plateau, plain, valley, bay, island, etc.

b. It has different climatic conditions from the equator to the polar region.

c. Apart from this many races, languages, religions, and cultures are followed by people who live in Asia. Therefore. Asia is called the land of contrasts'.

4. Why was Africa known as the Dark Continent?

Ans: The term "Dark Continent" was used by Europeans to describe Africa largely due to the lack of knowledge and information about the continent during the 19th century.

5. Why is Europe called the peninsula of peninsulas?

Ans: A peninsula is an extension of land surrounded by water bodies on three sides.

Europe is an extension of the continent Eurasia and is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea to the south, the Baltic Sea and the North Sea to the north, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west.

6. Write a short note on largest and smallest ocean.

Ans: **Pacific Ocean**: This is the largest and deepest ocean, and covers one third of the earth's surface. The shape of Pacific Ocean is circular. The average depth of this ocean is 4,200 m. The deepest part the earth's crust Mariana Trench lies on this ocean floor.

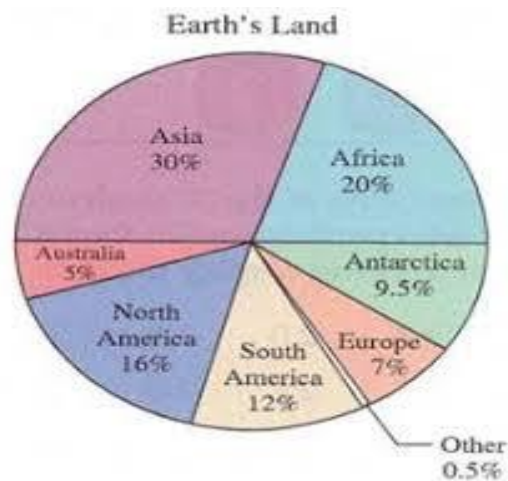
The Arctic Ocean is the smallest and shallowest ocean. It remains covered by ice for most of the year.

7.What is an isthumus?

Ans: An isthmus is a narrow strip of land that connects two larger landmasses and separates two bodies of water. Example the Isthmus of Panama, which connects North and South America and separates the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

8.List the continents in ascending order of size?

Ans: The seven continents, from smallest to largest by size, are: Australia, Europe, Antarctica, South America, North America, Africa, and Asia.



9.Name the wonders we can see in South America.

- **Ans:** South America is home to several natural and man-made wonders, Some of the natural wonders are:
- Atacama Desert : The driest non-polar desert on Earth.
- Amazon Rainforest: The world's largest tropical rainforest, known for its incredible biodiversity.
- Andes Mountains: The longest continental mountain range in the world.
- Angel Falls: The world's highest uninterrupted waterfall, located in Venezuela.

10. Write a short note on Antarctica.

Ans: Antarctica is a fifth-largest continent. It is a desert. As It does not rain or snow a lot here. When it snows, the snow does not melt and builds up over many years to make large, thick sheets of ice, called ice sheets. Antarctica is made up of lot ice in the form of glaciers, ice shelves and icebergs.