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Continents and Oceans (Continue)

(1) Major Continents

(a) Asia

- It is the largest continent of the world.
- It covers one-third of the total area of Earth.
- It lies in eastern hemisphere.
- The landmass of Europe and Asia together is known as Eurasia.
- The Ural Mountains, Caucasus Mountains, Black Sea and Caspian Sea separate it from Europe.
- It was interlinked with Africa by Isthmus of Suez.
- It is separated from North America by Bering Strait.
- The Himalayas, Mt. Everest and Dead Sea are found in Asia.

(b) Africa:

- It is the 2nd largest continent of the world.
- maximum part of Africa lies in Northern Hemisphere.
- It is the only continent through which Equator, Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn pass.
- The longest river Nile flows in this continent.
- The world's largest and hottest desert, Sahara desert is located in northern part of this continent.

(c) North America :

- It is the 3rd largest continent in the world.
- It lies in the northern and western hemisphere.
- It is linked to South America by Isthmus of Panama.
- It is also known as continent of Five Great Lakes.
- It has mountain ranges on its western side.

(d) South America :

- It is the fourth largest continent.
- It lies mostly in southern hemisphere.
- It is surrounded by oceans from all sides.
- The world's longest range, Andes is situated on the western margin of this continent.
- World's largest river, Amazon flows in this continent.
- The Equator passes through this continent.

(e) Antarctica :

- It is the fifth largest continent.
- It is situated south of Antarctic Circle.
- It is roughly circular in shape.
- It is surrounded by Southern Ocean.
- It has 98% of ice.
- It is also known as white continent.
- It is coldest and windiest part of our planet.
- Important research centres of India in this continent are Maitri, Dakshin Gangotri and Bhanu.

(A) Europe:

- Arctic Circle passes through this continent.
- It lies in west of Asia.
- It is surrounded by waterbodies from three sides.
- It is also known as peninsula of peninsula.
- Strait of Gibraltar separates it from Africa.
- It has very indented coastline, due to this reason it has many natural harbours and ports.

(g) Australia

- It is the smallest continent of the world.
- It is considered both country and continent.
- It is known as Island Continent.
- one unique feature of Australia is Great Barrier Reef that is situated along north-eastern coast of Australia.