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Australia

Location, Political Divisions, Physical Features

(1) Australia- Introduction :

- Term Australasia includes Australia, Newzealand and neighbouring islands.
- It is also known as Oceania.
- It was discovered by Abel Janszoon Tasman in 1642.
- After this James Cook sailed from England in 1788 and landed near Sydney.

(2) Location and extent :

- Australia lies entirely in the Southern and Eastern Hemisphere.
- Tropic of Capricorn ($23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S) passes almost through its middle.
- It extends from 10° S to 44° S latitude.
- It extends from 112° E to 154° E longitude.

(3) Boundaries

- lies between Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean.
- Arafura Sea and Timor Sea lies to its North and Southern Ocean to its South.
- The shape of Australia is like Quadrilateral.
- It is smallest continent in the world.
- It has 5.2% of world's land area.

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(4) Political Divisions

- Australia is divided into 6 States.
- New South Wales, Victoria, Southern Australia, Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia.
- Canberra is capital of Australia