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CHAPTER-8

AFRICA- LOCATION, POLITICAL DIVISIONS

AND PHYSICAL FEATURES

Good Morning Students

This is the lesson of Class VII Geography, In this lesson we will study about Political Divisions, Location and Extent, Boundaries:

(1) Africa-Introduction:

- It is the second largest continent of the world.
- It has 54 countries and Equator passes through middle of Africa.
- Most Africa lies between Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn.

(2) Political Divisions:

- The Barbary States, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt are part of Middle East and North Africa (MENA).
- The larger part of Africa lies South of Sahara desert and it is known as Sub-Saharan Africa.

(3) Location and Extent:

- It extends from 37°N to 35°S .
- Cape Agulhas is the southernmost point.
- It extends from 17°W to 51°E in East-West Direction.

(4) Boundaries:

- Africa is surrounded by many waterbodies, say Mediterranean Sea in North, Red Sea in North East, Indian Ocean in the East and Atlantic Ocean in the West.

- The Strait of Gibraltar links the Mediterranean Sea with Atlantic Ocean and separates Africa from Europe.
- The Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb separates Africa from Arabia. It connects Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.
- Africa is connected with Continent of Asia by Isthmus of Suez. It links Red Sea and Mediterranean.

(5) Discovery and Exploration

- In mid 19th century, Sir Henry Morton Stanley, Mungo Park and Dr. David Livingstone were the first explorers to venture the interior of Africa.
- The Europeans named Africa as dark continent because of its dense forests, marshes, swamps and vast deserts.

(6) Reasons for late Discovery of Africa

- Great Obstacle created by Sahara Desert.
- Dense vegetation in the interior of Africa.
- Hot and Damp climate and diseases such as malaria caused by Mosquitoes.
- The Rivers are not Navigable.
- The Interior is inhabited by Tribes who are hostile to foreigners.

Now Students let's recapitulate by means of Quick Test. I will read out the questions which you will try to find.

- Q1) Which countries are part of MENA?
- Q2) What is the Latitudinal and Longitudinal Extent of Africa?
- Q3) Name the Southernmost point of Africa.
- Q4) Name the Strait that separates Africa from Asia.
- Q5) Name the Strait that connects Atlantic Ocean with Mediterranean Sea.

Thus, After Sometime the Answers were discussed in class :

Ans 1) Barbary States, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt

Ans 2) Latitudinal Extent - 37°N to 35°S and Longitudinal Extent - 17°W to 51°E .

Ans 3) Cape Agulhas

Ans 4) Bab-el-Mandeb

Ans 5) Strait of Gibraltar.

I hope you all understood the First four Topics very well. So you all are required to revise it at home and also read next two Topics before hand.

With this I conclude the interactive session.