

Class Notes

Class: VI

Topic: **Geography**

Ch 6. **Major landforms of the earth**

Subject: **Social Science**

Instructions:-

- Write the questions and answers in your notebook.

Textbook questions

Q 1. What are major landforms?

Ans: Mountains, Plains and Plateaus are major landforms.

Q 2. What are the differences between mountain and plateau?

Ans:-

Mountains

- A mountain is a very natural elevation higher than the earth surface.
- It has a peak at the top and broad base.
- Example: The Alps, The Andes.

Plateau

- Plateau is an elevation with a flat top standing above the surrounding area.
- Plateaus are rich in mineral deposits.
- Example: The Deccan Plateau and the Tibet Plateau.

Q 3. What are different types of mountains?

Ans: Different types of mountains are:

- i. Block mountains – Black Forest Mountain in Europe.
- ii. Fold mountains – The Himalayas.
- iii. Volcanic mountains – Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Q 4. How are mountains useful to man?

Ans: Mountains are useful in many ways:

- Mountains are storehouse of water.
- Mountains have varieties of flora and fauna.
- Many rivers have their resources in mountains.
- People visit mountains for scenic beauty.
- Several sports like paragliding, hand gliding, skiing, and river rafting are popular in mountains.

Q 5. How are plains formed?

Ans:

- Most of the plains are formed by river and their tributaries.
- The river flow down the slopes of mountains and erode them.

- They carry the sediments consisting of stones, sand and silt along their courses.
- The deposition of sediments forms the plains.

Q 6. Why the river plains are thickly populated?

Ans:

- The river plains are very suitable for human habitation.
- People get flat land for building houses and cultivation.
- The soil of river plains is very fertile.
- People live here and cultivate land for their living.

Q 7. Why mountains are thinly populated?

Ans:

- The climate is harsh at the mountain areas.
- Slopes are steep at the mountains and that reduces the land available for farming.

Extra questions

Q 1. What is a peninsula?

Ans:

A peninsula is a piece of land that is bordered by water on three sides but connected to a main land.

Q 2. What is an island?

Ans:

An island is a piece of land surrounded by water on all sides. Very small islands are called islets.

