

Sub: SOCIAL SCIENCE Assignment-1

CH-1, OUR WORLD

SHAPE OF THE EARTH

The Earth is a round ball. However, it is not perfectly round. It is slightly flattened at the top and bottom. Ferdinand Magellan was a Portuguese explorer who sailed across an ocean in one direction and proved that the Earth was round in shape.

GLOBES AND MAPS

A globe is a true model of the Earth or a representation of the actual shape of the Earth. A globe is the only accurate way to study the whole Earth. The Earth is quite big in size. We cannot see the whole Earth at a time, so we need a small model of the Earth to study it.

A map is a drawing of all or a part of Earth's surface. A map is a flat representation of an area which usually has distortions. Maps are easier to carry. A person who makes maps is called a Cartographer. Maps and globes are very important tools for identifying places on the Earth's surface.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GLOBE AND A MAP

MAPS	GLOBES
1. A map gives a two dimensional presentation of the entire or a particular portion of the Earth.	A globe gives a three dimensional entire world.
2. A map is easy to carry around and handle .	It is difficult to carry around and handle a large-globe
3. It shows countries , states, towns and	It only shows continents , countries, and

oceans and

villages . It also shows the distribution of does not show detailed information.

resources , climate, forests etc.

CONTINENTS AND OCEANS

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A continent is one of several very large landmasses or commonly defined as a large landmass separated from other land masses by oceans . There are seven continents in the world. They are –

- A. NORTH AMERICA
- B. SOUTH AMERICA
- C. EUROPE
- D. ASIA
- E. AFRICA
- F. AUSTRALIA
- G. ANTARCTICA

Asia is the largest continent and Australia is the smallest continent in the world. There are 54 countries in Africa.

OCEANS

The large water bodies on the Earth are known as Ocean. Let us study more about the oceans of the world .

Oceans and their features:-

Pacific ocean	Largest and deepest ocean in the world Triangular in shape
Atlantic ocean	Second largest ocean Located between North America and Europe

Indian ocean	Third largest ocean Comprises of many islands
Southern ocean	Fourth largest ocean Also known as Austral ocean
Arctic ocean	Smallest ocean Remains covered with ice for most part of the year

1) ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:-

- A. What is the shape of the Earth?
- B. How many countries are there in Africa?
- C. How many oceans are there? Name them.
- D. Distinguish between a globe and a map.

2) Fill in the blanks:-

- A. _____ is a two-dimensional representation of the Earth.
- B. _____ is the smallest continent in the world.

3) Write true or false:-

- A. The shape of the Earth is the perfect sphere.
- B. The Pacific Ocean is the smallest ocean.
- C. The Indian Ocean is the largest ocean in the world.