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| <b>Class: IX</b>                           | <b>Department: Social Science</b>       | <b>Sub: Geography</b> |
| <b>Chapter-1</b><br><b>Question Bank:1</b> | <b>Topic: INDIA – SIZE AND LOCATION</b> | <b>Year: 2024-25</b>  |

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| 1     | <b>Answer the following questions briefly:-</b>   |
| (i)   | Name the group of islands lying in the Bay of Bengal.<br>Andaman and Nicobar Islands.   |
| (ii)  | Name the countries which are larger than India.<br>Russia, Canada, USA, China, Brazil and Australia   |
| (iii) | Which island group of India lies to its south-east?<br>Andaman and Nicobar Islands in Bay of Bengal.  |
| (iv)  | Which island countries are our southern neighbours?<br>Srilanka and Maldives  |
| 2     | <b>'The central location of India at the head of the Indian Ocean is a matter of great significance.'</b><br><b>Give reasons</b><br><br><b>OR</b><br><br><b>How does India occupy an important strategic position in South Asia? Illustrate your answer with suitable points.</b><br><br><b>Ans:</b><br>The central location of India at the head of the Indian Ocean is considered of great significance because of the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Trans Indian Ocean routes which connect the countries of Europe in the West and the countries of East Asia provide a strategic central location to India.</li><li>2. The Deccan Peninsula protrudes into the Indian Ocean, help India establish a close contact with West Asia, Africa and Europe from the western coast and with Southeast and East Asia from the eastern coast.</li><li>3. India has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean which becomes favorable trading ports and commerce hubs for other countries.</li><li>4. The coastal regions of India are famous for agriculture, trade &amp; industrial centers, tourist centers, fishing and salt making. They provide important hinterlands for the ports.</li></ol> |
| 3     | <b>The sun rises two hours earlier in Arunachal Pradesh as compared to Gujarat in the west but the watches show the same time. How does this happen?</b><br><b>Ans.</b><br>The earth in its rotation covers a distance of 1° longitude in 4 minutes. The places located on different longitudes have different local times. To keep uniform system of time, the world has been divided into 24 times zones. India has a longitudinal extent of 30° from Arunachal Pradesh (east) to Western Gujarat. It accounts for a time difference of 2 hours. However, to keep standard time across the country, 82½° E Longitude passing through Mirzapur (in Uttar Pradesh) is taken as the Standard Meridian for the whole country.   |

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| 4  | <p><b>Define the following terms: 1) Peninsula 2) Strait</b></p> <p><b>1.Peninsula:</b> - A piece of land covered by sea on all the three sides. E.g. Indian Peninsula.</p> <p><b>2.Strait:</b> - A narrow stretch of sea linking two large seas. E.g. Palk Strait, Strait of Gibraltar.</p>  |
| 5  | <p><b>Name the island groups of India.</b></p> <p><b>Ans.</b></p> <p>The Island groups of India are Lakshadweep islands in Arabian sea, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands in Bay of Bengal.</p>   |
| 6  | <p><b>How has the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 benefitted India?</b></p> <p>Since the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, India's distance from Europe has been reduced by 7,000km.</p>   |
| 7  | <p><b>Why is Indian sub-continent so called?</b></p> <p><b>Ans</b></p> <p>India and her adjoining countries constitute a sub-continent as it comprises of all the characteristics of a continent.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Indian sub-continent encompasses vast areas of diverse landmasses. Indian sub-continent comprises of high mountains, fertile plains, deserts and plateau, rivers and ocean.</li> <li>2. It is full of diversities in terms of climate, natural vegetation, wildlife and other resources.</li> <li>3. The vivid characteristics of culture and tradition among the people make it a subcontinent.</li> </ol>   |
| 8  | <p><b>Reason out why is the difference between the durations of day and night hardly felt at Kanyakumari but not so in Kashmir?</b></p> <p><b>Ans.</b></p> <p>The difference in the durations of day and night at Kanyakumari and Kashmir are respectively due to their latitudinal locations. Kanyakumari is located closer to the equator i.e. 8° away from the equator. It receives maximum sunlight and experiences a minimum difference between day and night. On the other hand, Kashmir lies further away from the equator i.e. North of the tropic of Cancer, and experiences a significant difference between the duration of day and night.</p>   |
| 9  | <p><b>Why is the distance from north to south of India greater than east to west whereas the latitudinal and longitudinal distances are almost the same?</b></p> <p><b>Ans.</b></p> <p>India lies between 8°4'N to 37°6'N latitudes and 68°7'E to 97°25'E longitudes. The difference between the latitudes and longitudes is approximately the same, i.e. 30°. However, India's north – south distance is 3214kms., whereas her east – west distance is 2933kms. The reasons for this are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As we move from the equator to the poles the distance between the longitudes decreases while the distance between the latitudes remains the same.</li> <li>• Thus, the east – west distance or longitudinal extent appears to be smaller than the north – south extent or latitudinal extent.</li> </ul> |
| 10 | <p><b>On the outline Political Map of India, locate and label the following: -</b></p> <p>Map No.1</p> <p>a) India-States with Capitals and neighbouring countries.</p> <p>Map No.2</p> <p>b) Tropic of Cancer, 23½°N</p> <p>c) Standard Meridian, 82½° E</p> <p>d) Neighbouring Countries</p>  |

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|  | Ans. Figure 1.3, page 3 and Figure 1.5, page 5 (Geography text book)   |
|  | <b>Maps of all lessons-</b><br><a href="https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:49b588bd-07c1-317c-be36-c8817bf9cb85">https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:49b588bd-07c1-317c-be36-c8817bf9cb85</a> |