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<b>Q1.</b>	<b>Short Question Answers</b>
	<b>(i) Which continents of today were part of the Gondwana land?</b> The continents that were part of Gondwana land are Australia, Antarctica and South America.
	<b>(ii) Name the three major divisions of the Himalayas from north to south.</b> The three major divisions of the Himalayas from north to south are the Great Himalayas/Inner Himalayas/ <b>Himadri</b> (Northernmost division), the Lesser Himalayas/ <b>Himachal</b> and the <b>Shivaliks</b> (Southernmost division).
	<b>(iii) Which plateau lies between the Aravalli and the Vindhya ranges?</b> Malwa plateau lies between the Aravalli and the Vindhya ranges.
	<b>(iv) Name the island group of India having coral origin.</b> Lakshadweep Islands are composed of small coral islands.
	<b>(v) Which is the largest river in the Indian Desert?</b> Luni is the only large river in the Indian Desert.
	<b>(vi) What are Barchans?</b> Barchans are crescent shaped dunes that cover larger areas in the desert.
	<b>(vii) Which is the largest salt water lake in India?</b> The Chilika Lake is the largest salt water lake in India. It lies in the state of Orissa, to the south of the Mahanadi delta.
<b>Q.2.</b>	<b>Why the Northern Plains are most densely populated areas of the world?</b> <b>Ans. a. FLAT TERRAIN</b> The Northern Plain region has got flat topography almost without any undulations making it easier for the human beings to construct houses, industries, transport and to do agriculture. <b>b. ADEQUATE CLIMATE</b> The Northern Plains experience almost every type of climate giving a wide variety of doing agriculture. <b>c. FERTILE SOIL</b> The soil present here is highly fertile because of the sedimentation done by the rivers making it suitable for agriculture. <b>d. RIVER SUPPLY</b> Many rivers and tributaries are present here providing regular supply of water for agriculture, industries and other domestic works. Therefore, Northern Plains are densely populated regions of the world.

<b>Q.3</b>	<p><b>Write a short note on The Central Highlands.</b>  <b>Ans:</b> The Central Highlands lies to the north of the Narmada river. It covers the major portion of the Malwa plateau. The rivers in this region flow from southwest to northeast; which indicates the slope of this region. It is wider in the west and narrower in the east. Bundelkhand and Baghelkhand mark the eastward extension of this plateau. The plateau further extends eastwards into the Chhotanagpur plateau.</p>	
<b>Q.4</b>	<p><b>Write a note on The Deccan Plateau.</b>  <b>Ans:</b> The Deccan Plateau is a triangular landmass that lies to the south of the river Narmada. The Satpura range flanks its broad base in the north while the Mahadev, the Kaimur hills and the Maikal range form its eastern extensions. The Deccan Plateau is higher in the west and slopes gently eastwards. An extension of the Plateau is also visible in the northeast– locally known as the Meghalaya, Karbi-Anglong Plateau and North Cachar Hills. It is separated by a fault from the Chotanagpur Plateau.</p>	
<b>Q5.</b>	<b>Distinguish between Western Ghats Eastern Ghats</b>	
	<p><b>WESTERN GHATS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Ghats mark the western boundary of the peninsular plateau, stretching from Gujarat to Kerala</li> <li>It is a regular stretch of highland.</li> <li>Western ghats are comparatively more in height i.e. from 900-1600m.</li> <li>Western ghats receive more rainfall due to orographic rainfall.</li> <li>Highest peak of western ghats is- Anai Mudi, followed by Doda Betta.</li> </ol>	<p><b>EASTERN GHATS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eastern Ghats mark the eastern boundary of the peninsular plateau, stretching from Orissa to Kerala.</li> <li>They are dissected and irregular because of the major rivers flowing through them.</li> <li>Height of eastern ghats is comparatively less than western Ghats ranging from 600-900m.</li> <li>Rainfall received is comparatively less because the monsoon winds move parallel to the eastern ghats.</li> <li>Highest peak of eastern ghats is- Mahendragiri.</li> </ol>
<b>Q6.</b>	<b>Distinguish between Western Coastal Plains and Eastern Coastal Plains</b>	
	<p><b>WESTERN COASTAL PLAINS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Coastal Plains is a belt of plain region lying towards west between western ghats and Arabian sea.</li> <li>This belt of plains is narrow in width.</li> <li>Western coastal plains are less fertile because no major river is engaged in sediment deposition.</li> <li>Western plains receive more rainfall.</li> </ol>	<p><b>EASTERN COASTAL PLAINS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eastern Coastal Plains is a belt of plain region lying towards the east between eastern ghats and Bay of Bengal.</li> <li>Eastern Coastal Plains are comparatively wider.</li> <li>Eastern coastal plains are very fertile because rivers like Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna, Kaveri deposit their sediments during delta formation.</li> <li>Eastern plains receive comparatively Lesser rainfall.</li> </ol>

5. From North to South, Western Coastal plains are divided into Konkan Coast, Kannad Coast and Malabar Coast

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**Q 7. Write a short note on the Island groups of India**

**Ans: India has two groups of islands:**

**The Lakshadweep Islands** are in the Arabian Sea. These are composed of small coral islands covering an area of 32 sq. km. The administrative headquarters of Lakshadweep is at Kavaratti island. This group of islands is rich in terms of biodiversity.

**The Andaman and Nicobar Islands** are bigger in size and has more number of islands. This group of islands can be divided into two groups. The Andaman is in the north and the Nicobar is in the south. It is believed that these islands are an elevated portion of submarine mountains. These islands too have rich biodiversity.

**Q8. How can you say that the diverse physical features of India make the country richer in its natural resources? OR How the Physiographic Divisions of India are complimentary to each other? Explain.**

**Ans. a.** The northern mountains are the major source of water and forest wealth.

**b.** The northern plains provide us with number of agricultural crops.

**c.** The plateau is the store house of the minerals which is highly important for the industrialization of the country.

**d.** The coastal region and island groups provide sites for fishing and port activities.

**e.** Thus, we can say that the diverse physical features of India make the country richer in its natural resources and have immense future possibilities of development.

**Q9. Write a short note on the Indian Desert.**

**Ans:** The Indian desert lies towards the western margins of the Aravali Hills. This region gets scanty rainfall which is less than 150 mm in a year. Hence they climate is arid and vegetation is scanty. Luni is the only large river but some streams appear during rainy season. Crescent-shaped dunes (barchans) abound in this area.

**Q10. Describe the Northern Plains according to the variations in the relief features.**

**Ans:**

**a. Bhabar:** After descending from the mountains, the rivers deposit pebbles in a narrow belt. The width of this belt is about 8 to 16 km and it lies parallel to the Shiwaliks. This region is known as bhabar. All the streams disappear in this region.

**b. Terai:** The terai region lies towards south of the bhabar belt. In this region, the streams reappear and make a wet, swampy and marshy region.

**c. Bangar:** Bangar is the largest part of the northern plain and is composed of the oldest alluvial soil. They lie above the flood plains. They resemble terraces. The soil of this region is locally known as kankar and is composed of calcareous deposits.

**d. Khadar:** The floodplains formed by younger alluvium are called khadar. The soil in this region is renewed every year and is thus highly fertile.

<b>Q11.</b>	<p><b>Which are the major physiographic divisions of India? Contrast the Relief of the Himalayan region with that of the Peninsular Plateau.</b></p> <p><b>Ans:</b> The major physiographic divisions of India are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Himalayan Mountains</li> <li>(ii) The Northern Plains</li> <li>(iii) The Peninsular Plateau</li> <li>(iv) The Indian Desert</li> <li>(v) The Coastal Plains</li> <li>(vi) The Islands</li> </ul>
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<b>The Himalayan Region</b>	<b>The Peninsular Plateau</b>
1. The Himalayan region is made up of young fold mountains. Thus, it is of recent origin.	1. The Peninsular Plateau of India was part of the Gondwana land. Thus, it is the oldest landmass of the Indian subcontinent.
2. It was formed due to the collision of the Indo Australian and Eurasian plates.	2. It was formed due to the breaking and drifting of the Gondwana land.
3. It mostly consists of lofty mountains and deep valleys.	3. It has hills with gentle slope and wide valleys.
4. It is composed of sedimentary rocks.	4. It is composed of igneous and metamorphic rocks.
5. Geologically, it is an unstable zone.	5. It is a stable zone.

<b>Q.12.</b>	<p><b>“Himalayas are the young fold mountains.” Justify the given statement.</b></p> <p><b>Ans.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Himalayas were formed as result of convergence of plates that further resulted into the folding of sediments from the Tethys Sea. Therefore, they are Fold Mountains.</li> <li>b. Himalayas have conical peaks and deep valleys which indicate that Himalayas are still young.</li> <li>c. Geologists believe that the Height of the Himalayas is still rising.</li> <li>d. Himalayas are 7 million years old. This time period is considered as very young in the geological time scale. Therefore, we can say that the Himalayas are “Young Fold Mountains.”</li> </ul>
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<b>Q.13.</b>	<p><b>How was the Northern Plain formed?</b></p> <p><b>Ans.</b> a. After the formation of the Himalayas out of the Tethys sea, the vast basin was formed at the foothills of the Himalayas.</p> <p>b. Thereafter, the deposition of alluvium in the vast basin was done for the millions of years.</p> <p>c. This deposition was done mainly by the three river systems – Indus, Ganga, and Brahmaputra that resulted into the formation of Northern Plains.</p>
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