

Geography - Chapter 4 - Maps

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I. SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS :

1. What is cartography? Who is a cartographer? (Refer Pg: 217)

Ans: The art of making map is called cartography and the person who makes map is called cartographer.

2. Identify the type of information provided by a thematic map. (Refer Pg: 218)

Ans: Thematic map provides information on particular themes such as distribution of rainfall, temperature, crops, minerals, industries, etc.

3. State who created the first known map with North on top and South at the bottom and when was it created. (Refer Pg: 221)

Ans: The first known map for putting North on top and South at the bottom is from Korea. It was created in 1402 by Kwon Kun, an astronomer and the map is known as the Kangnido map.

II LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:

1. Explain what a map is and how it represents places on the Earth. (Refer Pg: 217)

\* Map is a representation of the world on a flat surface according to a scale.

\* Maps have existed since the times of cave paintings. In the French caves of Lascaux, there is a map of stars which shows three bright stars known today as the Summer Triangle, and is believed to be approximately 16,500 years old.

\* To make a map actual distance between different places are measured and reduced as per the scale and then drawn.

\* Thus, map can show even minute detail of landforms, roads, railways, towns and villages. Certain symbols are used to represent these details.

\* One of the major demerits of a map is that it can only retain the correct size or the correct shape of a very small area, but not both at the same time.