MONTH - OCTOBER
CLASS - VIII

Theme A - India and the World : Land and the People

1 - World Geography : Some Glimpses.

Answer the following questions :

1. Differentiate between mountain and plateau.
(Pg. No: 10)

Ans: Mountains are landforms that rise much higher than the surrounding land with steep slopes and a narrow summit, While a plateau is a raised area of land with a mostly flat surface and steep sides.

2. Define a continent and name the seven continents of the world.
(Pg. No. 10)

Ans: A continent is a very large, continuous landmass. The seven continents are :

* Africa
* Antarctica
* Asia
* Australia
* Europe
* North America
* South America

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3. Write a short note on the Colorado Plateau. (Pg No. 19)

Ans: → The Colorado Plateau is a large highland in the southwestern United States, covering over 330,000 Sq. Km.

→ It is famous for its stunning landscapes, including the Grand Canyon.

→ The Plateau is mostly composed of layers of sedimentary rock, slowly uplifted by tectonic forces and shaped by erosion over millions of years.

→ This has created dramatic red rock formations and deep canyons.

→ The region is rich in natural resources like coal, oil, natural gas, uranium and copper.

→ It includes both coniferous and deciduous trees, which are important for tourism and resource use.

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4. Mention the different types of forests grow in the Ural region and explain its importance. (Pg. No. 13)

Ans: 1. Coniferous forests cover many northern and central areas,
2. While deciduous forests are found in the Southern parts.
* These forests provide habitats for animals such as brown bears, wolves, lynx, elk, reindeer and sable.
* Because of its varied landscapes - from cold northern tundra to fertile farmland in the South - the Ural region is important for its ecological diversity and natural resources.

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