

CHAPTER -1 INDIA-SIZE AND LOCATION

— Geography

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ques 1. What is the India's latitudinal and longitudinal extent? What is the total area of India?

Ans 1. i) Latitudinal extent = $8^{\circ}4'N$ to $37^{\circ}6'N$

ii) Longitudinal extent = $68^{\circ}7'E$ to $97^{\circ}25'E$

iii) The landmass of India has an area of 3.28 million sq. km.

ques 2. Name the countries which are larger than India.

Ans 2 i)

iv)

ii)

v)

iii)

vi)

ques 3. Which tropic divides India into almost 2 equal parts?

Ans 3

ques 4. What is the total length of coastline of the mainland including Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands?

Ans 4.

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Ques.5. Which two seas are located around India?

Ans.5. i)
ii)

Ques.6. What is the standard Meridian of India?

Ans.6. Standard Meridian of India is $82^{\circ}30'E$.
It passes through Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh.

Ques.7. Why $82^{\circ}30'E$ has been selected as the Standard Meridian of India?

Ans. $82^{\circ}30'E$ has been selected as the Standard Meridian of India since it passes almost from the Centre of India.

Ques.8. What is the total length and width of India?

Ans.8. Total length =
Total width =

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Ques 9. Which island group of India lies to its South-East?

Ans 9.

Ques-10. Which island countries are our Southern neighbours?

Ans 10 Sri Lanka and Maldives

Ques-11 Name the group of islands lying in the Arabian Sea.

Ans-11

Ques-12. 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?

Ans 12 1) From Gujarat to Arunachal Pradesh there is a time lag of two hours.

2) Therefore, time along the Standard Meridian of India ($82^{\circ}30'E$) passing through Mirzapur (Uttar Pradesh) is taken as the Standard Time for the whole country.

3) So to have uniform time in the country, a Standard Meridian is taken and thus, the timings in Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat are the same.

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Ques.13 What are India's unique locational features?

Ans. i) India lies completely on the north of the equator. So it is situated in the Northern Hemisphere.

ii) The Tropic of Cancer passes through the middle of India.

iii) India is at the head of the Indian Ocean. It has the longest coastline on this Ocean.

iv)

v)

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Ques.14. How has India developed relationships with the world through the land route?

Ans.14. i) The passes across the mountains in the north have provided passages to the ancient travelers.

2) These routes have contributed in the exchange of ideas and commodities since ancient times.

3) The ideas of Upanishads, Ramayana, the stories of Panchatantra, the Indian muslins and other merchandise were taken from India to different countries.

4) Influence of Greek sculpture, their architectural styles of domes and minarets can be seen in India.