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## Chapter-2 Major Landforms

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D. Answer the following questions -

1. What is the lithosphere?

Ans:- The outer solid crust of the Earth forming the land is called the 'lithosphere' or 'rock'-sphere. This domain provides living space for many organism and is made up of soil and rock material.

2. How are landforms formed?

Ans:- Landforms are formed due to two forces -

- i) Internal or endogenic forces.
- ii) External or exogenic forces.

3. How is a volcanic mountain formed? Name one volcano.

Ans:- Volcanic eruptions are accompanied by rocks, ashes and gases. Over time, rocks and lava cool and pile upon the surface building up volcanic mountains. Mount Fujiyama in Japan is a volcano.

4. Name the 'island continent'. Where is it located?

Ans:- Australia is the 'island continent'. It is located in Southern Hemisphere.



5. Mention two functions of mountains.

Ans:- Two functions of mountains are -

- i) Mountains help in the condensation of moisture and bring about rainfall.
- ii) Mountains are a storehouse of fresh water, as many rivers have their sources in the glaciers.

6. How are plains useful?

Ans:- Plains are useful for the following reasons -

- i) Soil is fertile here.
- ii) Plain provide Earth's most important farmland.
- iii) Plains are places for settlement with sprawling towns and cities, farming and industrial activities.
- iv) Communication is smooth here as construction of roads and railways is relatively easier here.