



North America

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D. Answer the following questions:

1. Name the big water bodies that surround North America.

Ans:- The big water bodies that surround North America are Arctic ocean on the North, North Atlantic Ocean in the east, Caribbean sea in the South and North Pacific Ocean in the west.

2. Write short note on the Canadian Shield.

Ans:- The Canadian Shield forms the heart of the continent of North America. About half the area of Canada, stretching from the Hudson Bay to the Great Lakes is occupied by the Canadian Shield, also known as the Laurentian Shield. The Canadian Shield area has very rich mineral and water resources. The Canadian Shield contains rock which are over 2 million years old.

3. Why is the river St. Lawrence important?

Ans:- River St. Lawrence is important because this river along with the

Great Lakes forms an important inland waterway and this river drains one of the busiest industrial belts of the world to transport industrial goods.

4. Explain the term Intermontane Plateau.

Ans:- Intermontane plateau are plateaus that are surrounded by mountain ranges. Example - Alaskan Plateau.

5. Why are the Caribbean Islands called West Indies?

Ans:- Christopher Columbus was the first to reach the Caribbean Islands in 1492 CE, when he sailed westward in search of India. He mistook Caribbean Islands for India and called it Indies. So, the Caribbean Islands are called West Indies.

6. Explain why there are large and long depressions on the ground in the Laurentian Shield.

Ans:- There are large and long depressions on the ground in the Laurentian Shield because this area was covered with thick ice sheets during the Ice Age. As the glaciers moved, the surface got eroded and scoured. They scraped out a plain and many depressions.

7. Differentiate between Hotsprings and Geysers.

Ans:- Hot Spring:-

Geysers:-

When a large source of water near hot magma gets heated up, the water slowly seeps out of a crack or fissure in the Earth's crust creating a 'Hot Spring'.

A hot spring, from where the jets of steam and boiling water are thrown out automatically at regular intervals.