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CONTINENTS AND OCEANS

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Earth's main land parts are seven continents. Africa is one. Antarctica is one too. Asia is another. Australia is another one. Europe is also one. North America is also one. South America is the last one. All seven border at least one ocean. Ocean water covers 71 percent of Earth. This is near three-fourths of its surface. One global ocean holds these waters. The waters are all joined. Five areas have names on maps. They are Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, and Southern. The Arctic is far up in the north. It is in the polar area. Antarctica is around the South Pole. The Atlantic is west of Europe and Africa. It is east of the Americas. The Pacific is the largest basin on Earth. It is also the deepest basin on Earth. Indian and Southern are two more named areas.

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1. How many continents does Earth have?

a) Five
b) Ten
c) Seven

2. How much of Earth is covered by ocean water?

a) 29 percent
b) 71 percent
c) 50 percent

3. Which ocean area is far up in the north?

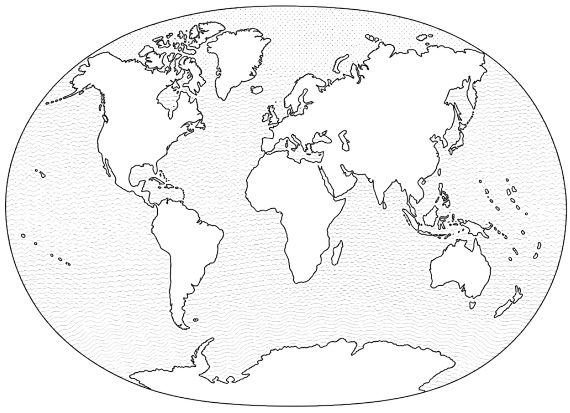
a) Arctic
b) Indian
c) Southern

4. Where is the Atlantic Ocean?

a) Far up in the north
b) West of Europe and Africa
c) Around the South Pole

5. Which ocean basin is largest and deepest?

a) Pacific
b) Southern
c) Atlantic



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AFRICA

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Africa is the second-largest continent in the world. Four large bodies of water lie around its shores. The Mediterranean Sea is north of it. The Atlantic Ocean is west of it. The Indian Ocean is east of it. The Red Sea is northeast of it. The Equator crosses Africa near its middle. The Sahara covers much of the north. It is the world's largest hot desert. Savannas are wide grasslands in central Africa. They spread across much of that land. Rainforests are found there as well. The north and south have drier lands. Much of Africa is made of high plateaus. Mountains and highlands rise in many places. The Nile River flows north to the Mediterranean Sea. Lake Victoria is a major lake there. Africa has deserts, grasslands, rainforests, mountains, plateaus, rivers, and lakes.

PREVIEW

1. Which continent is described in the passage?

a) Africa
b) Europe
c) Asia

2. Which ocean is east of Africa?

a) Mediterranean Sea
b) Indian Ocean
c) Atlantic Ocean

3. What crosses Africa near its middle?

a) The Equator
b) The Nile River
c) The Sahara

4. What kind of land covers much of northern Africa?

a) Wide grassland
b) Rainforest
c) Hot desert

5. Which river flows north to the Mediterranean Sea?

a) Lake Victoria
b) The Nile River
c) The Equator

