

Class 6th Social Science Geography Chapter 4 Maps

I. Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct options to complete the statements given below:

(i) Which one is not a component of map?

(a) Direction (b) Symbol

(c) Scale (d) Distance.

(ii).....is the symbol of.....

(a) International boundary (b) State boundary

(c) District boundary (d) Village boundary.

(iii) Brown colour is used for showing

(a) Water bodies (b) Plateaus

(c) Plains (d) Mountains.

(iv) A physical map shows

(a) Natural features of the earth

(b) Different countries and states of the world

(c) Distribution of forests

(d) Both (a) and (b).

(v) Which one is not an intermediate direction?

(a) North-east (NE) (b) West

(c) South-west (SW) (d) North-West (NW).

Answer: (i)–(c), (ii)–(a), (iii)–(d), (iv)–(a), (v)–(b).

II. Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words to complete each sentence:

(i) A..... is used to show large areas like continents or countries on a paper.

(ii) A..... is an instrument used to find out main directions.

(iii) Maps have a..... language that can be understood by all.

(iv) In a sketch map is not needed.

(v) Maps are more informative than a

Answer: (i) small scale (ii) compass (iii) universal (iv) scale (v) globe.

III. True/False

State whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

(i) A globe is used to study the earth as a whole.

(ii) Political maps show natural features of the earth.

(iii) A large scale map is used to show large areas like countries on a paper,

(iv) There are four intermediate directions.

(v) Large scale maps give less information than small scale maps.

Answer: (i) True, (ii) False, (iii) False, (iv) True, (v) False.

V. Very Short Answer Type Questions

1. When do you use a globe?

Answer: We use a globe when we want to study the earth as a whole.

2. What is an atlas?

Answer: An atlas is a collection of maps.

3. What do physical maps show? (Imp.)

Answer: Political maps show natural features of the earth such as mountains, plateaus, plains, rivers, oceans, etc.

4. What do political maps show?

Answer: Political maps show cities, towns and villages and different countries and state of the world with their boundaries.

5. What do you mean by a thematic map? [V. Imp.]

Answer: A map which gives focus on specific information is known as thematic map. For example, road maps, maps showing distribution of industries, etc.

6. Differentiate between a small scale map and a large scale map. [V. Imp.]

Answer: (i) A small scale map is used to show large areas like continents or countries on a paper while a large scale map is used to show a small area such as village or town on a paper.

(ii) A large scale map is more informative than a small scale map.

7. What is called the north line?

Answer: Maps usually contain an arrow marked with the letter 'N' at the upper right hand corner. This arrow shows the north direction and is called the north line.

8. What is a compass?

Answer: A compass is an instrument used to find out main directions.

9. What are conventional symbols? [V. Imp.]

Answer: Some symbols have a fixed meaning and are understood uniformly throughout the world. Such symbols are known as conventional symbols.

VI. Short Answer Type Questions

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2. What are cardinal points and intermediate directions? [Imp.]

Answer: The four major directions—North, South, East and West are called cardinal points. Beside these major directions we have four intermediate directions—North-east (NE), South-east (SE), South-west (SW) and North-west (NW). The intermediate directions are very helpful in locating any place more accurately.

3. Write a note on 'compass'. [Imp.]

Answer: The direction of a place is traced out with the help of a compass. It is an instrument used to find out main directions. Its magnetic needle always points towards north-south direction.

VII. Long Answer Type Questions

1. Define and discuss 'distance' as a component of a map. [V. Imp.]

Answer: Maps are drawings. They reduce the whole world or a part of it to fit on a sheet of paper. In other words we can say that maps are drawn to reduced scales. But it needs great care while doing this reduction work in order to keep the distance between the real

places. It can only be possible when a small distance on paper represents a large distance on the ground. For this purpose a scale is used. Scale is the ratio between the actual distance on the ground and the distance shown on the map. We can understand this with the help of an example. Suppose, the distance between your coaching centre and your school is 8 km. If you show this 8 km distance by 2 cm on a map. It means, 1 cm on the map will show 4 km on the ground.

Thus, the scale of your drawing will be $1 \text{ cm} = 4 \text{ km}$

Scale is very important in any map. If scale is known, calculation of distance between any two places on a map will be easy.

A small scale is used to show large areas on a paper like continents or countries. For example, 10 cm on the map shows 1000 km of the ground.

A large scale is used to show a small area like a village or town on paper. For example, 10 cm on the map shows 1000 metres only on the ground.

2. Give an account of 'direction' as a major component of a map. [Imp.]

Answer: Direction is an important component of a map. Most maps contain an arrow marked with the letter 'N' at the upper right hand corner. This arrow shows the north direction. It is called the north line. After knowing the north direction, other directions, east, west and south can be easily found out.

There are four major directions—North, South, East and West. They are called cardinal points. Besides these, there are four intermediate directions. They are north-east (NE), south-east (SE), south-west (SW) and north-west (NW). Location of any place with more accuracy can be possible with the help of these intermediate directions.

3. Discuss symbols as a major component of a map. [V. Imp.]

Answer: Drawing different features such as buildings, roads, etc. in their actual shape and size on a map is perhaps not possible. It is therefore, they are shown by using certain letters, shades, colours, pictures and lines. These are symbols that give a lot of information in a limited space. With the use of these symbols, maps can be drawn easily and are simple to read. These symbols help us greatly in a situation when we don't know the language of an area and therefore cannot ask someone for directions. We can collect information from maps with the help of these symbols.

Maps have a universal language, known and understood by all. There is an international agreement regarding the use of these symbols, which are known as conventional symbols.