

ASIA

- World's largest continent
- 30% of Earth's Total land area
- 8.7% of Earth's Total surface area.



SIX PHYSIOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS - 6 Divisions.

- ① Central Asia → Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.
- ② Eastern Asia → China, Hongkong, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Macau, Mongolia, Taiwan.

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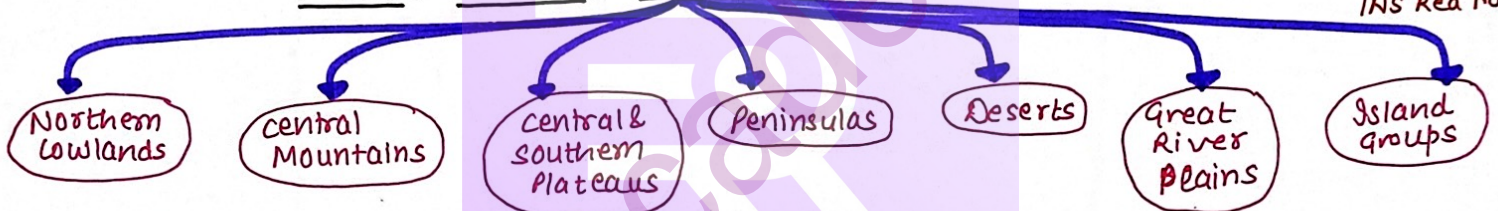
③ Northern Asia → Russia

④ South eastern Asia → Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam.

⑤ Southern Asia → Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

⑥ Western Asia → Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, UAE, Yemen.

MAJOR PHYSICAL DIVISIONS OF ASIA

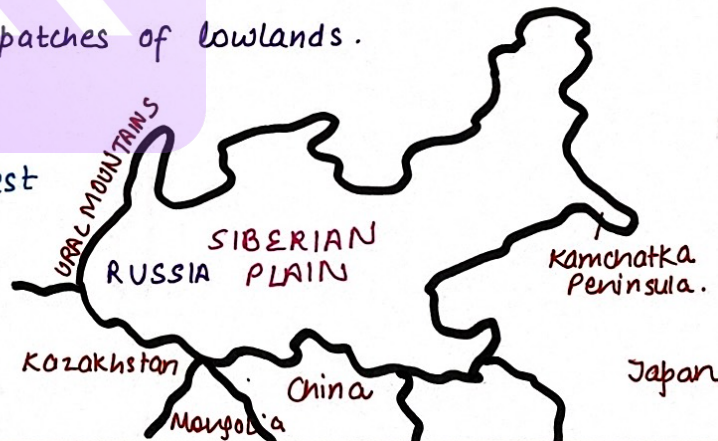


⑥ Northern Lowlands -

- extensive plain areas
 - ↳ comprise of several patches of lowlands.

➤ SIBERIAN PLAIN

- largest lowland in world.
- extends b/w
 - ↳ Ural mountains in west
 - ↳ River Lena in the east.



② Manchurian Plain -

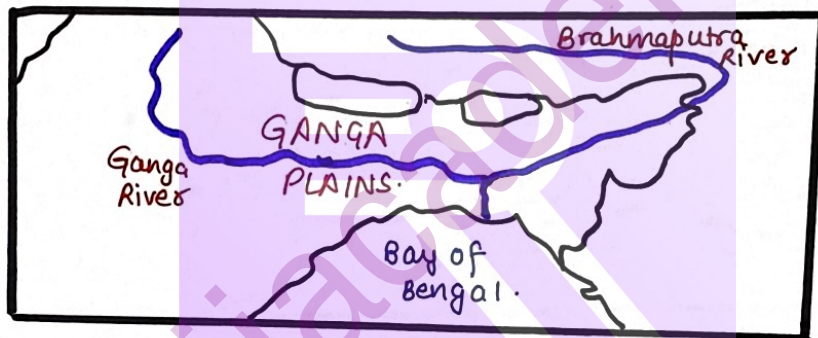
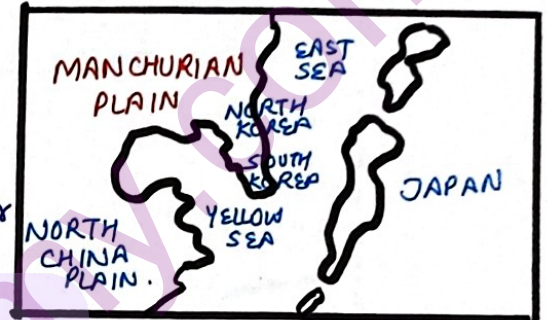
- Area adjoining Amur River & its Tributaries - Northern Part of China.

③ GREAT PLAINS OF CHINA -

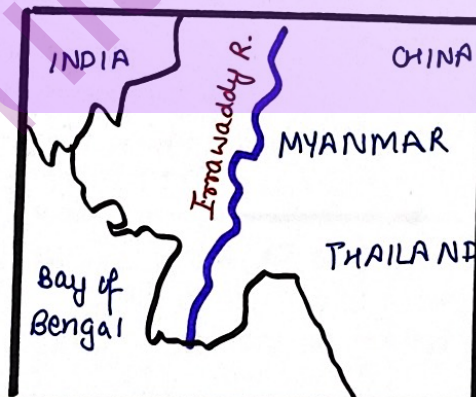
- contributed by two Rivers of China → Hwang Ho
→ Yangtze River

④ TIGRIS-EUPHRATES PLAINS

⑤ GANGA PLAINS



⑥ Irrawaddy Plains

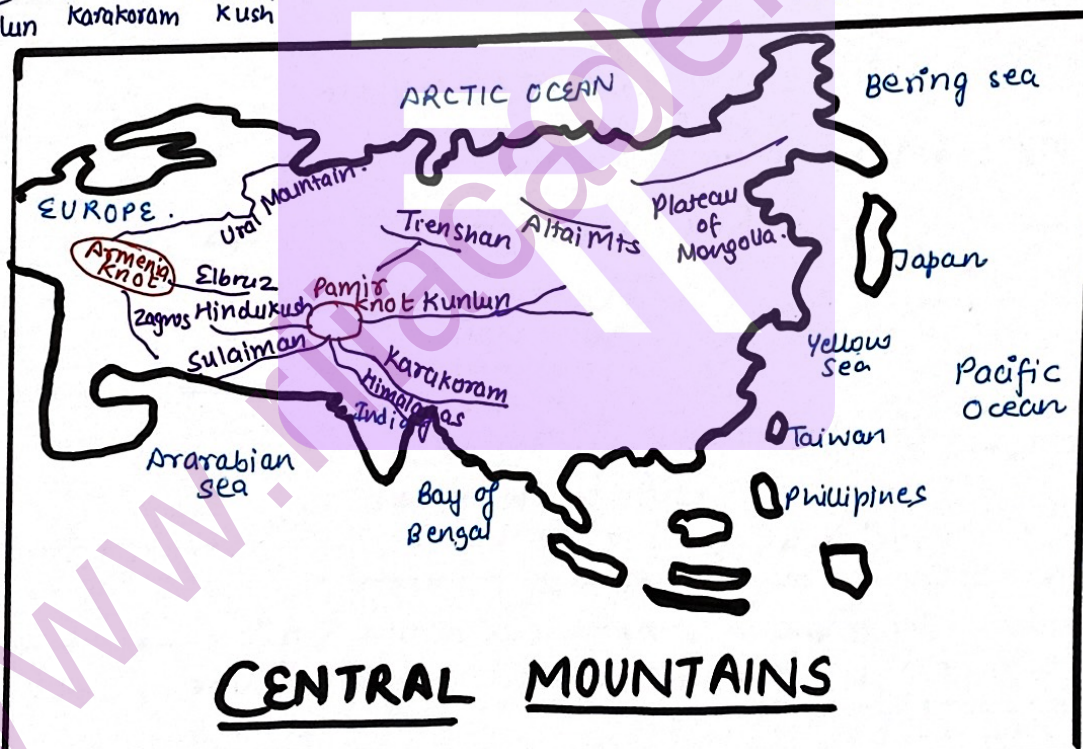
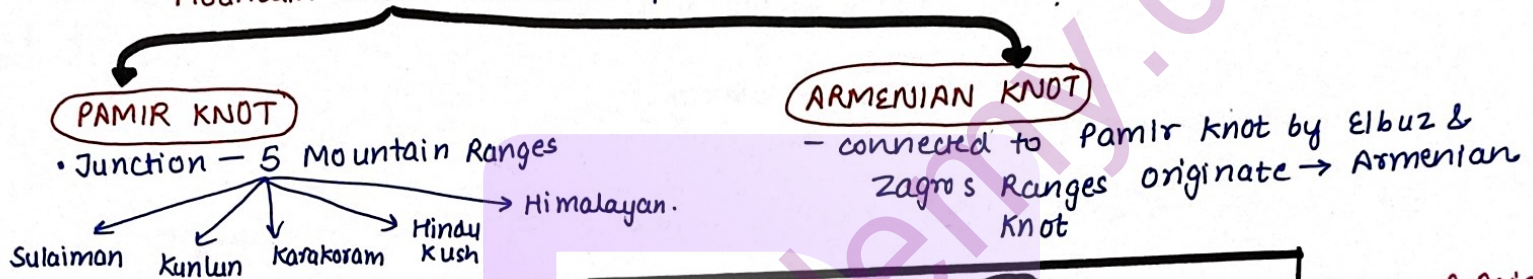


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• Central Mountains -

- Extensive & prominent Mountain Ranges - central Asia.
- consists of Pamir & Thian Shan Ranges.
- Mountain knot - Junction of 2 or more Mountains.

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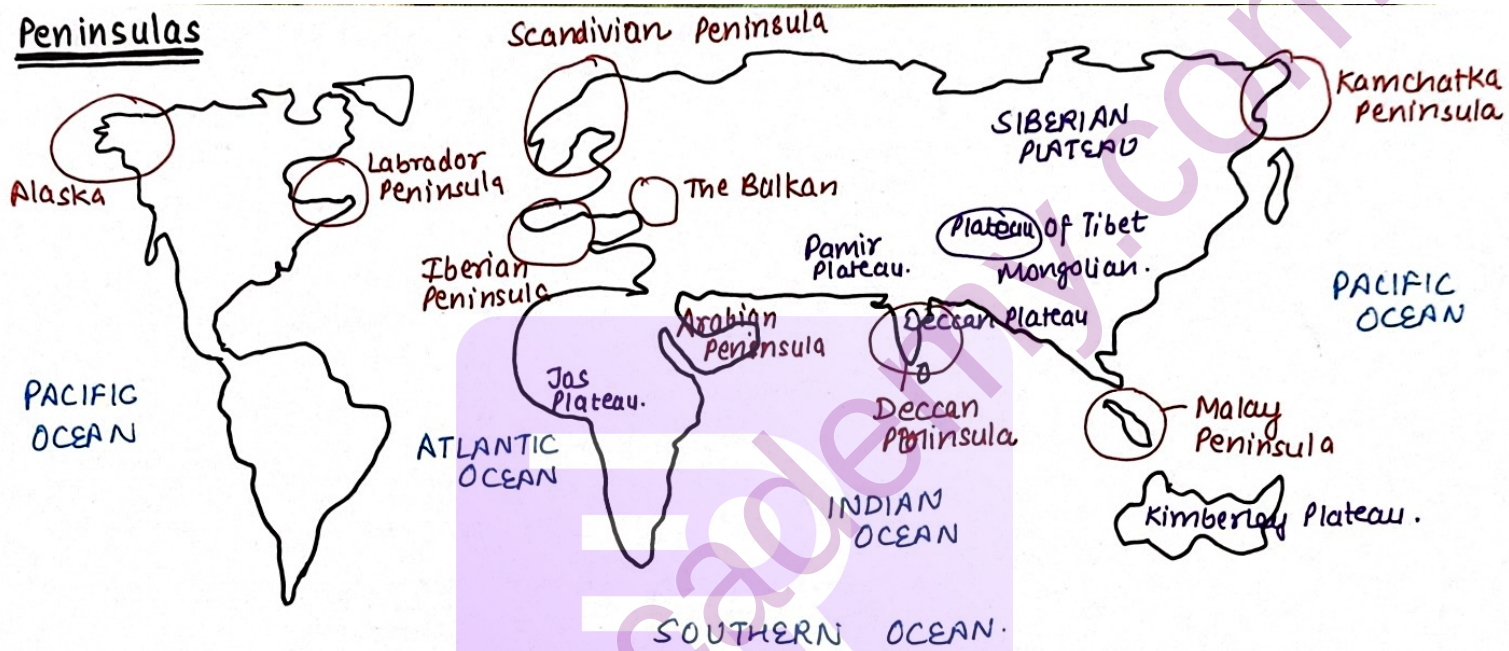
Peaks of Asia

- ① Mt. Everest [Nepal-Tibet, China Border]
- ② K2 [India-China]
- ③ Kangchenjunga [Nepal-Sikkim]
- ④ Lhotse [Nepal-Tibet, China]
- ⑤ Makalu [Nepal-Tibet, China]
- ⑥ Cho-Oyu [Nepal]

③ Central & Southern Plateaus

- Ladakh Plateau — B/w Karakoram & Himalayan Mountain Range → Intermontane.
- Tibet Plateau — B/w Kulu & Himalayan Mountain Range → Intermontane.
- Yunan Plateau — situated on southeast — Tibet Plateau & separated from Szechuan Basin — Range of Mountains → Piedmont
- Pamir Plateau — Range of Mountains — Hindukush — Sulaiman — Himalayas — Karakoram — Kunlun → Intermontane.
- Armenian Plateau → B/w Caspian & Black Sea → Piedmont.
- Iranian Plateau → B/w — Zagros Mountains — Caspian sea — Turkmen-Khorasan Mountain Range → Piedmont
- Deccan Plateau → India — b/w Eastern & Western Ghats → Intermontane.
- Anatolian Plateau → B/w Pontic Mountain Range in south & Taurus in southwest → Volcanic.
- Mongolian Plateau → Greater Hinggan Mountain in east
Yin Mountain — south
Altai Mountain — west
Sayan & Khentii Mountain — North → Intermontane.

• Peninsulas



• Deserts of Asia

- ① Gobi Desert → Northern China & southern Mongolia
→ Cold desert
→ Harsh winters & sparse vegetation

- ② Karakum Desert → Turkmenistan
→ Sand desert
→ known for Darvaza gas crater
[Door to Hell]

- ③ Kyzylkum Desert - Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan
 - sand desert
 - lies b/w Amu Darya & Syr-Darya Rivers.
- ④ Thar Desert [Great Indian Desert]
 - Northwest India & eastern Pakistan
 - Subtropical deserts
- ⑤ Dasht-e Kavir [Great Salt Desert]
 - central Iran
 - salt Desert
 - extremely hot & uninhabitable.
- ⑥ Taklamakan Desert - Xinjiang Region, China
 - cold Desert
 - surrounded by High Mountains.

Major Lakes of Asia

- ① Lake Baikal, Onega, Ladoga & Peipus → RUSSIA
- ② Lake Akan, Mashu, Biwa, Shikotsu → JAPAN
- ③ Qinghai Lake, Lake Khanka → CHINA
- ④ Dal Lake, Chilika, Vembanda, Pulicat, Sukhna - INDIA
- ⑤ Lake Matano & Tabo → INDONESIA