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India - Size and Location

Understanding India's Size and Location in Geography

DEFINITION

India is the seventh-largest country in the world, located in South Asia. Its geographical position influences its climate, culture, and economy.

KEY CONCEPTS

Geographical Coordinates

India is located between latitudes 8°4'N and 37°6'N and longitudes 68°7'E and 97°25'E.

Land Area

India covers approximately 3.287 million square kilometers, making it the seventh-largest country.

Neighboring Countries

India shares borders with Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Myanmar.

Coastline Length

India has a coastline of about 7,516 kilometers along the Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea, and Bay of Bengal.

Tropical and Temperate Zones

India experiences diverse climates due to its size, ranging from tropical in the south to temperate in the north.

EXAMPLES

→ India's location affects monsoon patterns.

→ The Himalayas act as a natural barrier.

→ India's vast coastline supports fishing industries.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember '7' for India's rank in size.

★ Use 'N' for North and 'S' for South to recall latitude range.

★ Think of 'B' for Bay and 'A' for Arabian to remember coastline.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing India's size with population.

✗ Overlooking the importance of neighboring countries.

✗ Misplacing India on the world map.

QUICK RECAP

India is the seventh-largest country, located in South Asia with diverse geographical features. Its size and location significantly influence its climate and culture.