



Assignment

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Max Marks: 11

Q1. Read the following passage carefully & answer the questions that follow:

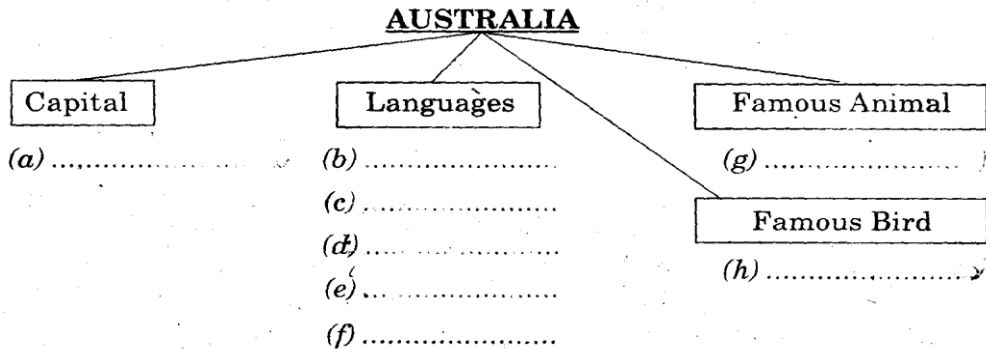
Australia

1. Australia is the sixth largest country in the world, where in the last 50 years large immigrants have settled, making it a country of mixed races and cultures. The first inhabitants of Australia were the aborigines.
2. This island was not known to the Europeans until just about 400 years ago. The Dutch made the first voyages along the Western Australian coast in the 17th century and Britain sent Captain James Cook in 1768 to explore the unknown island.
3. Europeans sent convicts from colonies to this faraway land. They soon formed new settlements here. In 1851, when gold was found in New South Wales and Victoria, more educated, middle-class immigrants arrived to make a fortune and the beginning of trading soon brought prosperity to the country. In 1901 all Australian settlements merged to form a nation and followed the British system of law in governance.
4. The main industries are agriculture, mining, timber production, fishing and tourism.
5. Climate here ranges from hot and tropical in the north, to cool and wet in far south. The inland region of the country is hot and dry, but even the large tracts of desert here are full of life. Eucalyptus trees are dotted along the deserts and mountains. The world knows Australia for kangaroos and emus, large flightless birds, similar to ostriches.
6. Canberra is the capital of Australia. People here have faith is Christianity. Majority of the population speak English. But the other languages too have a stay. Greek, Aboriginal dialects, Italian and Vietnamese are the other languages spoken here.

A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements by writing suitable words or phrases in each space. Write the correct answers in the space provided. [6 Marks]

- a) _____ formed the new settlements.
- b) The educated and middle-class immigrants arrived in Australia when _____.
- c) The original inhabitants are _____.
- d) The climate of the inland region is _____.
- e) _____ brought prosperity.
- f) English is _____ in Australia.

B. Complete the following diagram. Write the answers in the space provided. [4 Marks]



C. Mention any two geographical terms used in the write-up. [1 Mark]