Exploring Africa: A Geography Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the physical and human geography of the continent of Africa, including climate zones, major landmarks, and biomes.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Africa's geography to provide clear, detailed answers. Write in full sentences where required.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the world's waters, but he is currently helping us look at the vast continent of Africa. Africa is the second-largest continent in the world, stretching across both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. It is home to diverse environments, from the scorching sands of the north to the lush, green forests near the Equator.

Word bank: Equator · Sahara · Savanna · Rainforest · Nile · Biome · Landlocked · Climate

1. Identify two major climate zones found in Africa and describe one characteristic of each. (4 marks)

2. Finn explains that the Equator passes through Africa. How does being near the Equator affect the climate of the surrounding countries? (2 marks)

3. Name one of the longest rivers in Africa and explain its importance to the human settlements nearby. (3 marks)

4. What is a 'biome'? Give an example of one biome found in Africa and list two animals that might live there. (4 marks)

5. Explain why Africa is considered a continent of great physical diversity. Think about the variety of landscapes, such as mountains, deserts, and forests. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are planning an expedition across Africa. Choose one region (e.g., North Africa, Central Africa, or Southern Africa). Write a short report describing the terrain, the typical weather, and one natural landmark you would hope to see. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. True or False: The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert in the world. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a simple map of Africa and label the Sahara Desert in the north and the Equator line across the middle.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research one African country and find out its capital city and one major natural resource it exports. How much would a local souvenir cost in £ if the exchange rate was favourable?