

Year 5 Geography Assessment: Exploring the Continent of Asia

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of Asian physical geography, human geography, and environmental characteristics.

Read each question carefully. Use your geographical vocabulary to provide precise answers. Remember to use full sentences for extended responses.

Asia is the largest and most populous continent on Earth. It is defined by incredible physical diversity, ranging from the frozen tundra of the north to the tropical rainforests of the south. Its topography includes the world's highest mountain range, the Himalayas, and vast desert regions such as the Gobi. Human geography in Asia is equally varied, with rapidly growing megacities and ancient agricultural traditions co-existing across the continent.

Word bank: Tectonic · Monsoon · Continent · Topography · Urbanisation · Biodiversity · Archipelago · Sustainable

1. Name two major mountain ranges found in Asia and identify one country where each is located. (2 marks)

2. Explain why the climate in Southern Asia is heavily influenced by the monsoon season. (3 marks)

3. Finn the Dolphin has been mapping islands. Define what an 'archipelago' is and give one example of an Asian archipelago nation. (2 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the lifestyle of someone living in a remote rural village in the Himalayas with someone living in a modern Asian megacity. (4 marks)

5. What does the term 'urbanisation' mean in the context of Asia's growing population? (2 marks)

6. Justify why it is important for countries in Asia to protect their biodiversity in rainforest regions. (3 marks)

7. Nova the Owl is stargazing across Asia. Identify one environmental challenge that Asia faces today and propose one sustainable solution to address it. Your response should show a clear understanding of the impact on the local community. (4 marks)

8. Imagine you are an explorer travelling from the coast of Japan to the borders of Turkey. Write a short diary entry (approx. 100 words) describing the changes in physical geography and culture you might encounter along this journey. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled sketch map of Asia. Include the equator, the Himalayas, and one major river system. Use colour to show different climate zones.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine a scenario where sea levels rise significantly due to climate change. How would this specifically impact low-lying island nations in Asia? Explain the economic and social consequences for the people living there.