Year 6 Geography Assessment: Exploring the Continent of Africa

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the physical and human geography of Africa, including biomes, climate zones, and key geographical features.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Africa to provide detailed answers. Use full sentences where required. Ensure your spelling and grammar are accurate.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the world's oceans and coastlines. Now, he is turning his attention to the vast continent of Africa. Finn has noticed how the climate changes as you move from the northern coast towards the centre, and he is fascinated by how the diverse landscapes influence where people live and how they use the land.

Word bank: Equator · Sahara · Savanna · Biome · Tropic of Capricorn · Nile · Sustainability · Human geography

1. Identify two major physical features of Africa (e.g., rivers, deserts, or mountain ranges). (2 marks)

2. The Equator passes through Africa. Explain how the position of the Equator affects the climate of the countries it crosses. (3 marks)

3. Define the term 'biome' and name one biome found in Africa, describing one characteristic of it. (3 marks)

4. What is the difference between physical geography and human geography? Provide one example of each relating to Africa. (4 marks)

5. Why is the Nile River historically and economically significant to the countries it flows through? (3 marks)

6. Compare life in a rural village with life in a large, modern city in Africa. Mention at least two differences in terms of land use or daily activities. (5 marks)

7. Suggest one way that climate change might affect the natural environment of the Sahara Desert. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch map of the continent of Africa. Label the Equator, the Sahara Desert, and one major river of your choice.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Choose an African country and list three items it exports to the UK. Calculate the potential total cost if you were to buy 5kg of one of those items at a local price of £2.40 per kg.