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CANADA’S LOCATION

Canada is the largest country in the Western hemisphere and North America. Canada is bordered by three oceans and the United States of America. The entire southern portion of Canada is bordered by the United States of America. Three oceans surround Canada; the **Atlantic Ocean** to the east, the **Pacific Ocean** to the west and the **Arctic Ocean** to the north. A portion of northwestern Canada is bordered by Alaska, the most northern of the USA’s states. The **Hudson Bay** connects to the Atlantic Ocean and is located in the north central region of Canada. The Hudson Bay feeds into the one territory and three provinces.

Canada has many water sources including rivers and lakes. One of the most important rivers is the **St. Lawrence River** located on in the east portion of Canada. This river stretches from Lake Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The St. Lawrence River passes through Montreal and Quebec City. The St. Lawrence River played a role in Canada’s history allowing early explorers a route to travel into the North America via water. Today, this river is an important natural resource (water) and provides a route for trade. The **Great Lakes** (Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario) form part of the southern border with United States of America. These lakes are split between Canada and the USA. Lake Michigan (a member of the Great Lakes) is located entirely within the borders of the United States. The **Canadian Shield** is a region located east/central Canada. This region is made up of ancient rock sticking up from the soil and is known for its numerous lakes and river; thin rocky mineral rich soil and rolling landscape.

The western region of Canada contains the Rocky Mountains. This mountain range is an impressive feature that stretches over 3,000 miles from New Mexico in the USA to British Columba in Canada. The tallest peak in the Canadian Rockies is Mount Robson (13, 000 feet).

Complete the following questions using the information above.

1. Which country borders Canada?

a. Cuba b. Mexico c. Panama d. United States

2. Which area is known for mineral rich rocky soil that covers eastern and central Canada?

a. Canadian Shield b. Lake Huron c. Rocky Mountains d. St. Lawrence River

3. What is one of the most important rivers in Canada’s history?

a. Mackenzie River b. Danube River c. St. Lawrence River d. Chattahoochee River

4. What bodies of water border Canada?

a. Atlantic, India and Pacific Oceans b. Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans

c. Atlantic, Pacific and Southern Oceans d. Atlantic, Arctic and Southern Oceans

5. What mountain range is located in the western region of Canada?

a. Ural Mountains b. Alps c. Rocky Mountains d. Appalachians

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Canada is the largest country in the Western hemisphere and North America. In the entire world, Canada is the second largest country by land area. Canada’s location plays an important role from a polar point of view between the United States and Russia.

Canada’s population is about 33 million. This is small in comparison to its land area. Mexico and the United States have larger populations; Mexico has three times Canada’s and the United States has nine times the number of people of Canada. Most Canadians (90 percent) live within a 100 miles of the border of the United States in the south eastern and south central region of Canada. The majority of the Canadian people live in cities and towns. These cities and towns make up one of four zones. These zones are the Golden Horseshoe zone, British Columba’s Victoria zone, Southern Vancouver Island zone and Calgary-Edmonton zone. The Golden Horseshoe zone lies around the southern end of Lake Ontario and contains the city of Toronto. British Columba’s Victoria’s zone contains the city of Vancouver. Canada has nine major seaports that assist with trade around the world. The Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River assist with trade in the central region of Canada. Canada has excellent railroads and highways that allow goods to be shipped from coast to coast.

Complete the following questions using the information above.

1. Which country is the second largest in land area in the world?

a. Alaska b. Canada c. Russia d. USA

2. The majority of Canada’s population live in ?

a. rural areas b. cities and towns c. farm areas d. Indian villages

3. Which statement best describes Canada’s population?

a. Mexico has a smaller population than Canada

b. The US has a smaller population than Canada

c. Canada has a larger population compared to the size of its land area

d. Canada has a small population compared to the size of its land area