

# ST. PETER SR. SEC. SCHOOL, JAORA

## SOCIAL STUDIES

## CLASS IV

### CHAPTER 1 – OUR COUNTRY INDIA

India is the seventh largest country in the world and the third largest country in Asia. It is located at the southern tip of Asia and surrounded by the Bay of Bengal on the east, the Arabian Sea on the west and the Indian Ocean on the south.

There are 9 neighbouring countries of India –

- **Afghanistan** and **Pakistan** lie to the north-west of India.
- **Sri Lanka** and the **Maldives** lie to the south of India.
- **Myanmar** and **Bangladesh** lie to the east of India.
- **China** lies to the north and north-east of India.
- **Nepal** lies to the north and **Bhutan** lies to the north-east of India.

### POLITICAL DIVISIONS OF INDIA

India is divided into 28 states and 9 union territories which are governed by the central government. In addition, central government govern the states through state government.

The term '**capital**' of the state means the city that is the base of all important government activities of a state.

### PHYSICAL DIVISIONS OF INDIA

There are six physical divisions in India based on the landforms. They are:

1. The Northern Mountains
2. The Northern Plains
3. The Great Indian Desert
4. The Southern Plateau
5. The Coastal Plains
6. The Islands

## WORK OUT

### A. Fill in the blanks with the correct answers.

1. Pakistan lies to the north-west of India.  
a. north-west      b. east      c. north
2. A neighbouring country of India to its south is Maldives.  
a. Pakistan      b. Maldives      c. Bhutan
3. Shimla is the capital of Himachal Pradesh.  
a. Kolkata      b. Shimla      c. Gangtok
4. Chandigarh is the capital of Haryana.  
a. Haryana      b. Bihar      c. Assam
5. The Great Indian Desert is on the west of India.  
a. south      b. north      c. west

### B. Write T for true and F for false.

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| 1. Sri Lanka is one of India's neighbours.   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">T</div> |
| 2. West Bengal has two capitals.   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">F</div> |
| 3. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are administered by their own state government. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">F</div> |
| 4. Hyderabad is the capital of Telangana.  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">T</div> |
| 5. The states of India are governed directly by the central government.            | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">F</div> |

### C. Answer these questions.

1. Name all the neighbouring countries of India.  
**Ans.** The neighbouring countries of India are Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, China and Myanmar.
2. India is divided into how many states and union territories?  
**Ans.** India is divided into 28 states and 9 union territories.
3. Name the capitals of any three southern states of India.  
**Ans.** The capitals of three southern states of India are:  
Karnataka – Bengaluru  
Kerala – Thiruvananthapuram  
Tamil Nadu – Chennai

4. Who looks after the administration of the union territories?

**Ans.** The administration of the union territories is governed by the central government.

5. Describe India's location in Asia.

**Ans.** India is located at the southern tip of Asia.

6. Name all the physical features of India and name one state which falls in each region.

**Ans.** The physical features of India and the state fall in that particular region are:

- a. The Northern mountains - Arunachal Pradesh
- b. The Northern plains - Punjab
- c. The Great Indian Desert - Rajasthan
- d. The Southern plateau - Madhya Pradesh
- e. The Coastal plains - Kerala
- f. The Islands - Lakshadweep Islands

**D. Read the capital cities in different regions of India. Circle the odd one out.**

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| 1. Lucknow  | Shimla    | Mohali   | Chandigarh  |
| 2. Agartala | Imphal    | Itanagar | Jorhat      |
| 3. Kochi    | Bengaluru | Chennai  | Hyderabad   |
| 4. Mumbai   | Agra      | Bhopal   | Gandhinagar |
| 5. Patna    | Ranchi    | Siliguri | Kolkata     |

**Note:**

Part A, B and D answers should be mentioned in textbooks.

Part C – Answer these question should be written in fair copy.

## ASSIGNMENT – HOME WORK

### A. Map Work

On an outline map of India shown below, mark all the union territories.



**B. Complete the general questions on India.**

1. The third largest country of Asia.
2. The government that looks after all the states and union territories of India.
3. A city that serves as the capital of two states of India.
4. A landlocked neighbouring country of India.
5. The year in which Telangana was carved out of Andhra Pradesh.
6. The southern part of India is known as-

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