**LESSON NOTE 6**

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| **RIVER BASIN**    These are naturally depressed lowland areas or areas that are drained by a river and it's tributaries. It is also called catchment area.  There are 5 major rivers basins in Nigeria and they are  I. The Niger Basin  Ii. The Benue Basin  Iii. The Chad basin  Iv. The cross River basin  V. The South Atlantic basin.  **LAKES**    A lake is a body of water surrounded by land. Lakes in Nigeria are grouped into 2  1. Natural Lake which exist naturally. Example is Lake Chad  2. Man-made or Artificial lake which are constructed by man. Examples are lake Kainji on River Niger and Shiroro kale on River Kaduna.  REASONS FOR THE SHALLOWNESS OF LAKE CHAD    1. The rivers that supply the lake with water are shallow, flow sluggishly and most water is lost through evaporation. This reduce the flow of water into the river.  2. The lake is located in the Sahara desert and it experiences high evaporation which I turn results in low water volume.  3. It is suspected that lake Chad experiences underground seepage by nearby oasis.  HOME WORK  1. State 3 uses if river basin  3. State 4 uses of lakes. |