

Here are the **exam-style questions and answers** based on **Chapter 2: Australia**, following the given format:

## **PART I (30 Marks)**

(Attempt all questions)

**Choose the correct answer from the given options:**

**1. Why is Australia known as the "island continent"?**

- a) It is surrounded by deserts
- b) It is surrounded by oceans on all sides
- c) It is the smallest continent
- d) It has a large coastline

**Answer:** (b) It is surrounded by oceans on all sides

**2. Which ocean lies to the west of Australia?**

- a) Pacific Ocean
- b) Atlantic Ocean
- c) Indian Ocean
- d) Arctic Ocean

**Answer:** (c) Indian Ocean

**3. Who was the first European to land on Australia's east coast?**

- a) Vasco da Gama
- b) Ferdinand Magellan
- c) Captain James Cook
- d) Christopher Columbus

**Answer:** (c) Captain James Cook

**4. Which is the capital city of Australia?**

- a) Sydney
- b) Melbourne
- c) Canberra
- d) Perth

**Answer:** (c) Canberra

**5. Which mountain range is also called the Great Dividing Range?**

- a) Snowy Mountains

- b) Australian Alps
- c) Blue Mountains
- d) Eastern Highlands

**Answer:** (d) Eastern Highlands

**6. Which river is the longest in Australia?**

- a) Darling River
- b) Murray River
- c) Murrumbidgee River
- d) Flinders River

**Answer:** (b) Murray River

**7. Which physical feature of Australia is composed of ancient crystalline rocks?**

- a) Eastern Highlands
- b) Western Plateau
- c) Great Barrier Reef
- d) Nullarbor Plain

**Answer:** (b) Western Plateau

**8. Which region in Australia is famous for sheep rearing?**

- a) Northern Territory
- b) Victoria
- c) New South Wales
- d) Tasmania

**Answer:** (c) New South Wales

**9. What is the name of the large coral system off the coast of Australia?**

- a) Coral Sea Reef
- b) Great Barrier Reef
- c) Australian Reef
- d) Tasman Reef

**Answer:** (b) Great Barrier Reef

**10. The Twelve Apostles in Australia are famous for being:**

- a) Ancient temples
- b) Limestone rock formations
- c) Volcanoes
- d) Coral reefs

**Answer:** (b) Limestone rock formations

## **PART II (50 Marks)**

(Attempt any five questions)

**1. Describe the geographical location and boundaries of Australia.**

**Answer:**

- Australia is located in the **Southern Hemisphere**, between **10°41'S** and **43°38'S** latitude and **113°09'E** and **153°38'E** longitude.
- It is **surrounded by oceans**:
  - **Indian Ocean** (west)
  - **Pacific Ocean** (east)
  - **Southern Ocean** (south)
  - **Arafura Sea** (north)
- Its **neighboring countries** include **Indonesia**, **Papua New Guinea**, **New Zealand**, and **the Solomon Islands**.

**2. Explain the significance of the Eastern Highlands.**

**Answer:**

- The **Eastern Highlands** is a major physical division of Australia.
- It is also known as the **Great Dividing Range**.
- **Major features**:
  - Highest peak: **Mount Kosciuszko (2,228m)**
  - Includes **Snowy Mountains**, **Australian Alps**, **Blue Mountains**.
- **Importance**:
  - Acts as a **watershed** for rivers.
  - Rivers from the east **flow into the Pacific Ocean** and are useful for **hydroelectricity**.
  - Rivers from the west flow into **Central Lowlands** and dry up.

**3. Describe the importance of the Great Barrier Reef.**

**Answer:**

- The **Great Barrier Reef** is the **world's largest coral reef system**.
- It stretches **2,900 km** along the coast of **Queensland**.
- It is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and home to:

- 400 coral species
- 1,500 fish species
- 4,000 mollusc species
- Endangered species like the dugong and green sea turtle
- **Threats:**
  - Climate change
  - Coral bleaching
  - Pollution

#### 4. What is the significance of the Western Plateau?

Answer:

- The **Western Plateau** is also called the **Australian Shield**.
- It covers western Australia, South Australia, and the Northern Territory.
- **Key features:**
  - **Oldest rocks** (2.8-3.5 billion years old)
  - **Deserts:** Great Sandy, Great Victoria, Gibson
  - **Uplands:** MacDonnell Range, Musgrave Range
- **Famous sites:**
  - **Ayers Rock (Uluru)** – A massive sandstone monolith.
  - **Kata Tjuta (Olgas)** – Weathered rock formations.

#### 5. Explain the role of sheep rearing in Australia's economy.

Answer:

- Australia is the **largest producer of wool** in the world.
- **Sheep rearing states:**
  - New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia.
- **Merino Sheep** is the main breed, known for:
  - High-quality wool
  - Thick fleece
- **Sheep farms (Sheep Stations):**
  - Large farms, each over **7,500 hectares**.
  - **Workers:** Jackaroos (males), Jillaroos (females).
- **Challenges:**

- Land degradation
- Soil erosion

#### 6. Differentiate between the Central Lowlands and Coastal Plains.

Feature	Central Lowlands	Coastal Plains
Location	Between Western Plateau & Eastern Highlands	Along east & west coasts
Major Basins	Lake Eyre Basin, Murray-Darling Basin	Eastern Coastal Plain, Western Coastal Plain
Importance	Agriculture, grazing, river basins	Dense population, tourism, ports
Famous Landforms	Great Artesian Basin (underground water), Simpson Desert	Great Barrier Reef, Twelve Apostles

### Mapping Questions:

Shade and mark the following on the map of Australia:

1. The capital city – Canberra
2. The longest river – Murray River
3. The Great Barrier Reef – Off the coast of Queensland
4. The largest desert in Australia – Great Victoria Desert
5. The highest mountain – Mount Kosciuszko

This **exam-style** format comprehensively covers **Chapter 2: Australia**. Let me know if you need further modifications or additional content! 😊