

Location and Extent

Chapter 2: Location and Extent · Topic 1

Key Concept

India is located in South Asia, bounded by the Himalayas in the north and surrounded by water on three other sides.

India's latitudinal extent spans from about 8°N to 37°N, while its longitudinal extent spans from about 68°E to 97°E.

This vast extent creates diverse climate zones, from tropical in the south to temperate and alpine in the Himalayan regions.

India's strategic location has historically influenced trade routes, cultural exchanges, and its significance in South Asian geopolitics.

Quick Revision Notes

- India: South Asia, bounded by Himalayas.
- Surrounded by water on three sides.
- Latitude: ~8°N to 37°N.
- Longitude: ~68°E to 97°E.
- Vast extent creates diverse climate zones.
- Tropical south to alpine Himalayas.
- Location influenced trade, cultural exchange.
- Also geopolitical significance in South Asia.

Practice Questions

- 1 Find India's location on a world map.
- 2 Discuss India's latitudinal and longitudinal extent.
- 3 Research how location affects India's climate diversity.
- 4 Discuss India's geopolitical significance in South Asia.
- 5 Compare climate in northern and southern India.
- 6 Explain India's strategic location in your own words.