

# Geography of the World for CSS and other Competitive Exams

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## Europe



- It is the world's second smallest continent.
- It lies between latitude 71-36 north longitude 10-60 west

- It is in the southwestern part of Europe.
- It consists of Spain and Portugal.

### Boot Shaped Italy

- It is located in the Mediterranean Europe.

- (i) Macedonia
- (ii) Bosnia
- (iii) Croatia
- (iv) Slovenia
- (v) Montenegro
- (vi) Kosovo
- (vii) Serbia

### Crimea Peninsula

It is situated in the north of Black Sea between Sea of Azov and Black Sea.

### British Islands

- They are separated by English Channel from Europe.
- They are famous islands in Europe.

### Others

- Northern Ireland is in the north-east.

To the north of Great Britain, there are following Islands:

- The Hebrides Islands.
- The Orkney Islands.
- The Faroe Islands.
- The Shetland Islands.

### Spits Bergen and Novaya Islands

To the east of Spain, other large islands are Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily and smaller are Mallosca, Ibiza and Manorca.

### Malta Island

- It is in the south of Sicily.



- The total area is 9.7 million sq km.
- Ural Mountains are situated on its Eastern side.
- The Atlantic Ocean and Bay of Biscay are on its Western side.
- The Arctic Ocean, the Barents Sea, the White Sea, the Baltic, the North Sea and the Norwegian Sea are on its North side.
- On its South, the Mediterranean Sea, the Adriatic Sea, the Aegean Sea, and the Black Sea are situated.

### Peninsulas

#### Scandinavian in the North

- It borders in the north. On the southeast is the Baltic Sea.
- On the north is the Norwegian Sea.

#### Kola Peninsula

It is situated between the Barents Sea and the White Sea.

#### Jut Land Peninsula (Denmark)

It is to the south of Scandinavia.

#### Iberian Peninsula

#### Balkan Peninsula

It is large and made up of several countries as: GRBAY

1. Greece
2. Romania
3. Bulgaria
4. Albania
5. Yugoslavia

Yugoslavia is further divided into the following:

### **The Aegean Islands**

- The Aegean islands are situated in the north of Crete Island.

### **Main Physical Division**

Five major physical and relief regions:

#### **The North Western Highland and the Baltic Shield**

- The Baltic shield exposed in Finland.

#### **The Great North European Plain**

- The great belt of lowland is called the Great North European Plain.

- This belt stretches from bay of Biscay and the English plain through Northern France, Belgium, Holland, Northern Germany and Poland.

#### **The Uplands of Central Europe**

- It lies generally to the south of the great North European plain called Horsts.
- These occupy most of the peninsula of Brittany.

#### **The Young Alpine System of Fold Mountains**

- It is in the southern part of Europe.
- Alps are the greatest of these mountain ranges.
- The Mt. Blanc towering to a height of 4807m is the highest Alpine summit.

#### **The Russian Platform of Eastern Europe**

- This is a region of sedimentary rocks.

### **Rivers**

#### **The Volga River**

- It is the longest river in Europe.

The length is 3685km.

#### **The Don River**

- It lies to the west of Volga and flows into the sea of Azov.

#### **The Dnieper River**

- It lies in Russia and flows into the Black Sea.

#### **The Danube River**

- It is the second largest and its length is 2849 km.
- Rhone in France
- Ebro in Spain
- Po in Northern Italy

### **Chief Ports**

#### **Liverpool**

- It is situated on the Northern side of the large bottle shaped Mersey Estuary, England.
- Liverpool and London together account for about half the foreign trade.
- It is also a main port for cotton textile district of South Lancashire.

#### **Rotterdam**

- It is the biggest port of the world, situated on the river Lek, Netherlands.

#### **Antwerp**

- The chief port of Belgium, one of the world's greatest ports, second largest in Continental Europe, situated on the river Schelde.

#### **Hamburg**

- It is the largest port of Germany and the third largest port in Continental Europe.

### **Important Cities**

#### **London**

- It is situated on the lower course of river Thames.

- Highest industrial centre, great commercial and banking sector.
- The port handles one third of export and one quarter of imports of Britain.

#### **Paris**

- It is situated on an island in the river Seine. It is a place of confluence of river Seine and the river Marne.

#### **Berlin**

- Berlin is on the river Spree, chosen as capital because of its central position.

#### **Moscow**

- It is situated on the Moskva of Moscow river.

#### **Rome**

- The capital of Italy includes within it the Vatican city, situated on the bank of river Tiber.

### **Water Ways**

#### **The Rhine**

- Europe's chief waterway passes through Switzerland, Germany, France and Holland.
- Its Length is 1320 km.
- It provides cheap and efficient water transport for aforesaid countries.

#### **The Danube River**

- It provides a route way for inland countries without a sea front like Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade.
- It is useful only in summer.

#### **The River Seine**

- It flows in France.
- This west system of river and canals serves a very large region of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.