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TERM 2

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QUESTION1

Distance on a map shows how far places are from each other. To measure distance correctly, it is important to know the map's scale. A scale tells us the relationship between distances on the map and actual distances on the ground. There are two main types of scales: line scales and word scales. A line scale uses a drawn line marked with distances, while a word scale uses words to describe the distance (for example, "1 cm = 10 km"). When calculating distances, you can measure a direct route, which is a straight line between two points, or an indirect route, which follows bends and curves along roads or paths. Knowing whether a route is direct or indirect helps you find a more accurate distance between places. (SOURCE: ChatGPT)

Questions:

1. What is distance on a map used to show?

_____(1)

2. Why is it important to know the map's scale?

_____(2)

3. Name the two main types of map scales.

_____ (1)

_____ (1)

_____ (1)

4. Why does it matter if a route is direct or indirect when measuring distance?

_____ (1)

QUESTION 2

The sun rises in the east and there is a province in South Africa called Mpumalanga

- 2.1. What does Mpumalanga mean?

_____ (1)

- 2.2. Why does the sun appear to rise in the east and set in the west?

_____ (2)

- 2.3. An instrument used to show us direction is a _____ (1)

QUESTION 3

Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow:

Volcanoes are openings in the Earth's surface through which hot molten rock, gases, and ash can escape. Volcanoes occur when there is pressure from molten rock (magma) beneath the Earth's crust that forces its way to the surface. The effects of volcanic eruptions can include destruction of homes, loss of life, and changes to the landscape. Earthquakes happen when the Earth's crust moves suddenly along faults or cracks, releasing energy. They are often caused by tectonic plate movements, volcanic activity, or human activities such as mining. The effects of earthquakes include collapsed buildings, injuries, and damage to roads and bridges. Floods

happen when water overflows onto land that is usually dry. They are caused by heavy rainfall, rivers overflowing, dam breaks, or coastal storms. Floods can destroy homes, damage crops, and affect the lives of people and animals. Understanding the causes and effects of volcanoes, earthquakes, and floods helps people prepare and stay safe during these natural disasters. (SOURCE: ChatGPT)

Questions:

1. Why do volcanoes occur?

_____(2)

2. What is an earthquake?

_____(2)

3. What are the TWO main causes of earthquakes?

_____(1)
_____(1)

4. Name two effects of earthquakes on people or buildings.

_____(1)
_____(1)

5. What is a flood?

_____(2)

6. Name TWO main causes of floods?

_____ (1)_

_____ (1)_

7. Name two effects of floods on communities or the environment.

_____ (1)_

_____ (1)

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