**Contemporary World Affairs: World Geography Basics**

Locate the following major geographic features & then follow instructions for the map provided.

Bodies of Water – Label each on the map

1. Atlantic Ocean
2. Arctic Ocean
3. Indian Ocean
4. Pacific Ocean
5. Baltic Sea
6. Black Sea
7. Caribbean Sea
8. Caspian Sea
9. Mediterranean Sea
10. North Sea
11. Red Sea
12. Gulf of Mexico
13. Persian Gulf

Canals – Label each on the map using the ǁ symbol

1. Panama Canal
2. Suez Canal

Continents – Label each on the map

1. Antarctica
2. Africa
3. Asia
4. Australia
5. Europe
6. North America
7. South America

Deserts – Label each on the map AND shade each desert in a light tan or similar color:

1. Arabian Desert
2. Gobi Desert
3. Great Basin Desert
4. Kalahari Desert
5. Sahara Desert

Mountain Ranges – Insert **ʌʌʌ** as the symbol for each mountain range in the correct location AND label each range:

1. Alps
2. Andes
3. Atlas
4. Balkans
5. Caucasus
6. Himalaya
7. Rockies
8. Ural

Questions to answer in short paragraph form (5 points each):

1. How will a nation’s proximity to a sea or an ocean affect its economy?
2. How does a nation’s climate, based on features such as mountains and deserts, affect its people and culture?
3. In what ways have the developments of canals affected the modern world?