Hundreds of Islands

The Bahamas is an archipelago – a group of over 700 islands and cay lying close to one another. The islands stretch in a north-westerly to south- easterly direction. If the land area of all the islands is added together, they cover a total area of almost 14,000 square kilometers. If we include the sea between the islands, The Bahamas is a country of about 260,000 square kilometers.

In addition to the many islands, cays, and islets, and rocks, there are many other geographical features that are common to the islands. These are **bluffs, sounds, salinas, creeks,** and **flats.**

Since the Bahama Islands cover such large area, there may be different kinds of **weather** occurring in different parts of the country at the same time. When we listen to the weather forecast, it is different for each part of The Bahamas. Weather forecasters divide the country into **three groups** of islands.
These are **north-western, central, and southeastern.**

Northwestern Bahamas	Central Bahamas	Southeastern Bahamas
Grand Bahama	Cat Island	Crooked Island
Abaco	Long Island	Acklins
Bimini	Rum Cay	Mayaguana
Andros	San Salvador	Inagua
New Providence	Exuma	Ragged Island
Berry Island		
Eleuthera		

The major islands in The Bahamas are those islands with most of the country's population. These islands also produce most of our products.

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Which island?	Abaco	Acklins	Andros	Cat Island
What is its crest?				
What was the total population in 2010?	16 025	560	7242	1503
What is its size in km²?	1681 km²	497 km²	5959 km²	389 km²
What is its highest point in m?	37 m	43 m	36 m	63 m
Which are its main towns?	Cooper's Town Marsh Harbour Sandy Point	Spring Point	Nicholl's Town Fresh Creek Kemp's Bay	Arthur's Town New Bight Port Howe
What are some of its products?	Fish Vegetables Neem poultry	Cascarilla bark	Vegetables Citrus fruits Water Manufactured goods	Vegetables
Which places do tourists like to visit as well as the main towns?	Treasure Cay Hope Town Man of War Cay Green Turtle Cay	Castle Island lighthouse	Androsia factory Blue holes	Caves Mt Alvernia

Eleuthera and Spanish Wells	Exuma	Grand Bahama	The Inaguas	Long Island	New Providence
					
7726	7314	51 756	911	3024	248 948
518 km²	290 km²	1373 km²	1679 km²	596 km²	207 km²
58 m	38 m	21 m	33 m	54 m	38 m
Spanish Wells Dunmore Town Governor's Harbour Rock Sound	Georgetown	West End Eight Mile Rock Freeport City	Matthew Town	Deadmans Cay Clarence Town Stella Maris	Nassau
Pineapples Vegetables Citrus fruits Fish	Onions	Medicines Refined oil	Salt Cascarilla bark	Cattle Fish Citrus fruits	Alcoholic beverages Livestock
Glass Window Preacher's Cave	Elizabeth Harbour National Land-Sea Park Plantation ruins	Garden of the Groves Lucayan National Park	Morton's Salt Company National Park	Dean's Hole Caves Columbus monument	Bay Street Forts Queen's Staircase Straw market Water tower

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Name THREE geographical features of the Bahamas other than rock, islands and Cays.

_____ , _____, _____

2. Name THREE groups the Bahama islands are divided into.

_____, _____, _____

3. Name TWO islands in the Southern Eastern Bahamas.

_____ and _____

4. On which island can you find the highest elevation?

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5. Name the islands that are popular for the following.

a. Pineapple- _____

b. Onions- _____

c. Cascarilla bark- _____

d. Neem- _____

e. Blue holes - _____

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