Ukraine

Ukraine is a sovereign state. It has its own territory, government, national emblem, state flag and anthem. There are 24 administrative regions and the Crimean autonomous republic in Ukraine. The geographical position of Ukraine is very favourable to the development of its relations with countries of Europe as well as with the countries through the world. It borders on Russian Federation, Belarus, Moldova, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania.

The territory of Ukraine is more than six hundred thousand square kilometers. Two such countries as Italy can be placed on its territory. Ukraine occupies the 42nd place in the world as to its territory being the largest country in Western Europe. It stretches from east to west for 1,316 km and from north to south for 893 km. The geographical centre of Europe is located near the small Ukrainian town Rakhiv.

The population is about 48 million people.

Kyiv is the capital of Ukraine. It is very ancient and beautiful. 95% of the Ukrainian area is flat and the rest of it is mountainous. The Ukrainian Carpathians, with the highest peak Hoverla (2,061m high) and the Crimean Mountains (the highest peak is Roman Kosh (1,545 m high)) make up 5% of its area. Ukraine is washed by the Black Sea and the sea of Azov and it has very important ports. The sea of Azov is the world's most shallow sea. Its average depth is 5-7meters.

There are 71,000 rivers and streams in Ukraine. The major rivers are the Dnipro, the Dnister, the Bug, the Donets the Danube and others. The Dnipro is one of the longest European rivers and one country's main sources of hydroelectric power. Its total length is 2,285 km. It divides Ukraine into two parts: Right Bank and Left Bank Ukraine. The Danube connects Ukraine with seven European countries.

Ukraine has many industrial raw materials. It has rich depositions of iron, metals, coal, oil, gas and other natural resources. The country has metallurgical and heavy industries. It is the agricultural country.

Ukraine has an ancient history. It has its own original culture and arts. Scientists of Ukraine make a great contribution in our and world science. The Academy of Science of Ukraine includes many outstanding scientists and research workers famous for their important discoveries and inventions. The economical potential of our country is great. It has close ties with Eastern Europe and Western Europe. Ukraine is one of the members of the United Nations Organization and participates in the work of many international organizations. It establishes new relations with countries throughout the world.

Tasks

I. Use the following words to complete the sentences.

sovereign   relations   area   the Dnipro   natural resources   favourable   regions   members   population   national emblem

1. Ukraine is a _____ state.

2. It has its own territory, government, _____, state flag and anthem.

3. There are 24 administrative _____ and the Crimean autonomous republic in Ukraine.

4. The geographical position of Ukraine is very _____.

5. Ukraine occupies _____ of more than 600000 km^2.

6. The _____ is about 48 million people.

7. The main river is _____.

8. Ukraine has many_____.

9. Ukraine is one of the _____ of the United Nations Organization.

10. It establishes new _____ with countries throughout the world.

II. Substitute the underlined pronouns:

rivers   scientists   territory   Ukraine   flats   regions

1. It is a sovereign state. _____

2. There are 24 of them in Ukraine. _____

3. It is more than six hundred thousand square kilometers. _____

4. The main of them are the Dnipro, the Dnister, the Bug, the Donets. _____

5. They occupy 95% of the territory. _____

6. They make a great contribution. _____

III. Solve the puzzle. What is it?

1) ☐☐☐☐☐☐	The largest country in Western Europe.
2) ☐☐☐☐☐	The geographical centre of Europe.
3) ☐☐☐☐☐	The major river of Ukraine.
4) ☐☐☐☐	The river,which connects Ukraine with seven European countries.
5) ☐☐☐☐☐	You like to visit this place in summer.