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Ch1. Our Environment (Geography)

The word environment is Derived from the French word environer Which means to surround. So, it refers to the surroundings within which an organism exists.

The components of the environment comprise the natural environment and the artificial or man made environment.

The natural environment comprise living & non-living that occur naturally on Earth. The man made environment consists of the elements which developed as a result of interaction between man and nature.i.g.-park,dametc.

Natural Environment:--It may be divided into physical elements or abiotic environment and biological elements or the biotic environment.

Abiotic Environment:--This comprise the inorganic or non-living things in the environment. Based on physical state & characteristics, it is divided into the **lithosphere, hydrosphere, & atmosphere.**

Lithosphere:--It is the solid rock surface of the earth which provides the canvas for the existence of plants, animals and living beings. It also provides space for building settlements, soil for agriculture, minerals, power resources for industries & other purposes.

Hydrosphere:- Water on the earth including groundwater is extremely essential for the survival of all forms of life on the earth. All oceans , sea, rivers, lake pond etc. are sources of water.

Atmosphere:--The atmosphere or the mixture of gases, which surround the Earth, sustains life by providing different life supporting gases, protects the Earth from the radiation of the Sun and regulates the temperature of the earth by making it habitable.

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