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Discovering Mexico's Geography: From Mountains to Beaches

Short Answer Key

1. The Sierra Madre mountain range consists of the Oriental, Occidental, and del Sur branches. These mountains provide water resources, habitat for wildlife, and contribute to the country's stunning landscapes.
2. The Mexican Plateau (Altiplano) is a highland region with fertile farmlands. It supports agriculture and contributes significantly to Mexico's economy by producing crops and livestock.
3. Mexico's tropical rainforests and jungles in the southern region are ecologically important as they house diverse plant and animal species. They also play a role in carbon sequestration and provide opportunities for ecotourism.
4. Popular tourist destinations along Mexico's coastlines include Cancún (known for its white sandy beaches), Puerto Vallarta (offering beautiful bays and nightlife), and Acapulco (famous for its cliffs and entertainment).
5. Mexico's coastlines are vital for trade, tourism, and cultural exchange with other countries. They have historically been gateways for commerce and have influenced the cuisine and traditions of coastal communities.

