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Discovering Mexico's Geography: From Mountains to Beaches

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Mexico's diverse geography influences its climate and ecosystems. For example, the tropical rainforests in the south experience high rainfall and support rich biodiversity. In contrast, the arid deserts in northern Mexico have adapted flora and fauna. Coastal regions have unique climates influenced by ocean currents, affecting marine life.
2. Answers will vary based on the chosen geographical feature. For instance, if selecting the Yucatán Peninsula, one can enjoy exploring ancient Mayan ruins, snorkeling in cenotes, and savoring local cuisine.
3. Coastal regions face challenges like sea-level rise, erosion, and hurricanes. However, they also benefit from trade, tourism, and fishing industries. Balancing preservation and development is crucial.
4. Preserving Mexico's natural landscapes and biodiversity is vital to maintaining ecological balance, protecting endangered species, and ensuring the sustainability of ecosystems. It also supports ecotourism, contributing to local economies.

