Physical Features

Directions: Summarizing Read this section in your textbook to fill in the blanks below.

Waterways surround North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia. The (1) __________________ connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Mediterranean Sea. The (2) _______________ is a human-made waterway that allows ships to pass from the Mediterranean to the (3) _______________. This region has a rugged landscape. The (4) _______________ is a narrow gap in the (5) _______________ and has been used as a trade route. Because of the region’s dry land, people settled in (6) _______________. Ancient Egyptians relied on the yearly flooding of the (7) _______________.

The largest reserves of oil and natural gas are found in the (8) _______________, where the land is made up of (9) _______________ rock. Other resources include coal, iron ore, and (10) _______________, or mineral salts. (11) _______________ is a scarce resource. The (12) _______________ has almost dried up, but recent efforts have been made to save it. Land in the region has been harmed. As irrigation water dries, it leaves behind deposits of (13) _______________, which makes the land less fertile. In Egypt, the (14) _______________ blocks the flow of (15) _______________, so expensive (16) _______________ must be used. (17) _______________ pollution is also a problem, caused by car fumes and chemicals released by (18) _______________.