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SUBCONTINENT and HIMALAYAS

The *d_a_o_d shaped Indian subcontinent has been a part of A_____ for the last 50
 m_____ years. The subcontinent *c_____ into Asia, causing the land to ripple up like a(n)
 **_____ to form the massive H_____ mountains. The H_____ are
 the tallest m_____ in the w_____. They form a barrier that separated the *I_____
 s_____ from the rest of A_____. Himalaya means “h_____ of snow” because the
 Himalaya’s tallest p_____ are always covered with s_____.

More than 500 people have reached the p_____ of Mount E_____, the tallest of the
 H_____. One Italian, Reinhold Messner, climbed the mountain twice without oxygen. This is a
 very dangerous feat because a person can suffer b_____ damage at that altitude. Everest expeditions have so
 far claimed over 100 lives, including 40 ethnic Sherpas who live in the H_____. Jon Krakauer
 wrote in his best selling book, *Into Thin Air*, "Attempting to climb E_____ is a completely irrational
 act . . . As you ascend into [the] thin air, you discover that h_____ are not meant to be here." Eight
 people died on Krakauer’s odyssey when a blizzard suddenly enveloped the upper reaches of Everest. The
 climb may only be undertaken with the government permission. Even with o_____, strong w_____
 and frigid t_____ make the p_____ of Mount Everest a place for only the heartiest of
 people.

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SUBCONTINENT and HIMALAYAS

*1. Why are there many earthquakes in South Asia?

2. Who is Sir Edmund Hillary? What year did he become famous? (The answer is not on the study sheet, but Hillary is so famous, you’ll find his name and his most important exploit in any college level dictionary)

*3. Why do you think the ancient people of India believed the Himalayas were sacred mountains?

**There’s no clue because there is no correct or incorrect answer. Amaze me with a imaginative simile.

Check out a cool Mount Everest web page at http://aleph0.clarku.edu/~rajs/everest_ascent.html

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4. How were the Himalayas formed?

5. Explain why the top of Mount Everest has an unpleasant climate.

*6. In 1924, George Mallory was asked why he wanted to climb Mount Everest. He replied, "Because it is there." Why would someone risk his or her life to climb Mount Everest?

*7. The class is compiling a list of "Signs You've Chosen the Wrong Mount Everest Guide." Amuse us with your creativity.

*8. Describe how our state would be different if Central Florida rose as high as the Himalayas.

*9. In his 1933 novel *Lost Horizon*, James Hilton imagined a hidden paradise known as Shangri-La. In Shangri-La, the people lived in a world without materialism or corruption. How would you imagine paradise?

*9½ *Lost Horizon* was one of the most popular books of the 1930s. President Franklin Roosevelt was quite taken with the idea of a Shangri-La. He named a presidential retreat in rural Maryland after Hilton's mythical paradise. Dwight Eisenhower renamed the site for his grandson. Anyone who watches the news regularly knows that every president often visits Camp D_____. (Sorry, no credit for this question...you can skip it if you want to).

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MONSOON

A monsoon is a w_____ that changes d_____ with the s_____. India's
m_____ winds create h____, dry winters and r_____ summers. Indian farmers *w_____
the s_____ monsoons, although they can bring great d_____ to their land. The
m_____ rains i_____ their land. Also, a great deal of India's e_____ is
generated by Monsoon r_____ as they flow from the H_____.

Answer in complete sentences

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1. Why do monsoons change directions?

*2. Do you think Florida has monsoon winds? Defend your answer. (This is a very difficult question. I will accept any reasonable answer.)

*3. Identify two reasons why India has a very hot climate.

*4. When is the best time to visit India? Explain your answer.

*5. Why are the summer monsoons welcomed in India?

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MOHENJO-DARO AND HARAPPA

In 1921, archaeologists in H_____ (in present day P_____), unearthed the remains of an amazing c_____. Three years later, and _____ miles away, they found another city, which the people called M_____-D_____, or “h_____ of the d_____.” Both cities used the w_____ from the I_____ River to create an elaborate d_____ system. The sites contained j_____ from f_____ places, so archaeologists concluded that they valued a_____ and t_____ with other c_____. The cities were a_____ about _____ years ago, but we don’t know why. They may have been d_____ when the I_____ River f_____. The t_____ plates that created the H_____ may have caused an e_____. The cities may have been defeated by the nomadic *A_____ who invaded India from Central A_____.

Answer in complete sentences

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*1. Why do we know more about Mesopotamia and Egypt than we know of the cities of the Indus River Valley?

*2. Do you think the Indus River civilization developed independently, or did it learn from civilizations in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and elsewhere. (Hint: don’t expect the correct answer from me, because I don’t know.)

*3. Explain how archaeologists decided that the Indus River civilization valued art and traded with away places.

*4. Write a story that explains describes what might have happened to the Indus River civilization. Please make your answer realistic. Please do not include angry yaks, space aliens, or chocolate covered bulldogs with wings in your answer. (Sorry)

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THE CASTE SYSTEM

Warlike A_____ invaders battled their way through the Ganges River Valley, enslaved the native D_____, and imposed a rigid s_____ structure on the c_____ people. The Aryans divided *s_____ into unchanging c_____. Castes members avoided *a_____ with people of other castes. There have been as many as 3,000 c_____, but they are generally divided into f_____ groups. The B_____ were at the top of the c_____ system. They were the p_____, teachers, and j_____. Next came the w_____ Kshatriya. The Vaisya caste was composed of f_____, while c_____ and l_____ made up the S_____ caste. The u_____ were people outside the c_____ system. Untouchables were allowed almost no *c_____ with other castes.

Gandhi was a leader in abolishing the c_____ system. He called the untouchables the “h_____,” which means, “children of God.” He said they were blessed by their suffering. The caste system has been i_____ in I_____ for more than f_____ years, and the Indian g_____ has provided the h_____ with *p_____ from *d_____.

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THE CASTE SYSTEM

*1. Why do you think the Brahmin were a higher caste than the Kshatriya? What did the Brahmin have that was very important in an ancient society?

*2. Defend the caste system. Your answer might include a statement about never being uncertain of where you stood in society. (That’s just a hint; don’t let it influence you if you have a better answer)

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*3. The Cabot and Lodge families of Massachusetts were part of the “Boston Brahmin.” What professions were the Cabots and Lodges involved in? (Hint: research the career of Henry Cabot Lodge in a college level dictionary or encyclopedia)

*4. What did the people of ancient India value? Explain how you came to this conclusion.

*5. Describe how the rigidity of caste system helped make it possible for Islamic warriors to conquer India. (Note: You will have needed to read the entire study sheet in order to answer this question. The answer is in another section.)

6. Why did Gandhi call the Harijan the “children of god?”

*7. Should the Indian government offer the Harijan special privileges? Defend your answer.

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HINDUISM

About 80% of the I_____ people are Hindu. Hindu's believe in r_____,
that people's s_____ live on after d_____, and that all l_____ things can be r_____. The
g_____ of H_____ is to e_____ the c_____ of r_____ by reaching
N_____. Nirvana is a state of h_____ without c_____ or p_____.

Answer in complete sentences

Use your study sheet to find the correct answers.

1. Why is the Ganges River holy to Hindus?

*2. How did the Hindu faith make it easier for people of lower castes to accept their position in society?

3. Why are almost all Hindus vegetarians?

4. What is a vegan?

*5. What is the dictionary definition of yoga? (There may be several possible answers. Choose the one you feel is most appropriate.)

*6. What is a guru? What American might fit that definition?

*7. How has the Hindu faith changed in this century? (Hint: you may want to reread the paragraph preceding this section)

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BUDDHISM

Siddhartha G_____, a p_____ who lived 500 years before J_____, founded Buddhism.

Siddhartha rejected his l_____ lifestyle because he wanted to understand human s_____. He lived as an a_____, but was not s_____. Eventually, S_____ found e_____, and his followers called him B_____, which means, “the e_____ one.”

The Buddha taught his followers to find a “m_____ way” that avoided both i_____ and d_____. Buddhists believe they can reach the p_____ to N_____ through m_____ and k_____. A happy person who treats others with k_____ and r_____ creates good k_____.

Answer in complete sentences

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BUDDHISM

*1. Why would someone want to live as an ascetic? (Ask you parent for their opinion.)

2. What does “Buddha” mean??

*3. How are Buddhism and Hinduism similar?

*4. Describe a person you know who has good karma. Explain why this is so.

5. Where is the Buddha’s philosophy practiced today?

6. Why did Buddhism lose its influence in India?

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A HISTORY OF CONQUERORS

India is a land of many c_____. Archaeologists believe I_____’s first inhabitants, D_____, migrated from East A_____. The S_____ speaking A_____ conquered the Dravidians about _____BC. P_____, Alexander the Great’s armies from G_____, and the German H_____ later invaded I_____.

Muslims have lived on the *s_____ since about _____BC. For about *_____ years, Muslim M_____ ruled almost all of I_____. India became p_____ under A_____, the greatest of the M_____ rulers. Akbar ordered that M_____ and H_____ be treated e_____. Islamic a____, culture, and a _____ flourished during the M_____ Dynasty. The T__ M_____ is an example of M_____ architecture. Shah J_____ built the w___ marble m_____ for his wife.

E_____ arrived in I_____ shortly after V_____ daG_____ circumnavigated A_____ in 14____. The B_____ eventually supplanted the M_____ rulers and made many changes. The British outlawed s_____, built a r_____ system, constructed r_____, and improved h_____ care. The Indian people did not want c_____ rule. India’s many e_____ groups u_____ to e_____ the British and win *i_____ in 1947.

Answer in complete sentences

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1. List seven cultures that have lived in, invaded, or ruled India.

*2. Describe two ways the caste system allowed Muslim warriors to advance into India from India.

3. Why do linguists classify Sanskrit as an “Indo-European” language?

*4. What theory did Adolph Hitler and the German Nazis rely on when they attempted to exterminate Jews and Gypsies?

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5. How did Akbar treat Hindus?

6. Why did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal?

*7. Why had few Europeans visited India before the sixteenth century?

8. What Indian products did Europeans trade for?

*9. In your opinion, did the British have the right to outlaw suttee?

*10. Why do you think the British built roads and railways in India?

*11. Why did the Indian people want self-rule?

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MOHANDAS GANDHI and PARTITION

Mohandas G_____ helped I_____ gain self-rule by using n_____ protest. Gandhi was a I_____ who initially practiced in S_____ A_____. He spoke to I_____ living in South Africa about h_____ rights and urged them to p_____ unjust I_____. One he returned to I_____, Gandhi championed the rights of the u_____. He said they had been b_____ by their s_____.” Gandhi renamed the untouchables the h_____, which means “c_____ of g_____.”

Gandhi urged the I_____ people to p_____ British rule through non-v_____ civil d_____. He began wearing Indian c_____ that he s_____ himself. The people of India began to call Gandhi the M_____, which means “great s_____.”

The British decided to grant i_____ to the Indian s_____ after winning a costly *v_____ in World War II. A v_____ struggle between H_____ and M_____ began because neither group wanted the other to control *I_____. British and Indian leaders decided the only answer was to p_____ the continent into M_____ and H_____ states. T_____ million people were forced to leave their homes on one of the greatest m_____ in history. Hindus moved *s_____, while Muslims moved to *n_____ and *n_____ to *P_____.

Gandhi was a *H_____, but he was very d_____ by the p_____ and the v_____. He went on a f_____, which stopped rioting in D_____ and C_____. A few d_____ later, Gandhi was a _____ by a H_____ who did not want *p_____.

Answer in complete sentences

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*1. What event in the history of America’s civil right movement paralleled Gandhi’s South Africa train experience?

2. Define civil disobedience.

*3. How do you think the British responded to Gandhi’s call for civil disobedience?

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4. What name did many people call Mohandas Gandhi?

*5. Why do you think the British agreed to grant independence to the Indian people?

**6. The partitioning of the Indian subcontinent led to the greatest migration in history. Describe another great migration in American or world history.

*7. What might have happened if Hindus and Muslims refused to leave their homes?

8. How did Gandhi respond when Muslims and Hindus continued to fight?

*9. A legacy is something you hand down to future generations. What is Gandhi's legacy?

*10. What was sadly ironic about Mohandas Gandhi's life?

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INDIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE

India's population has t_____ since i_____. More than one b_____ people live in a nation that is about one-t_____ the s_____ of the U_____. S_____. Indians speak more than _____ languages and d_____. The government attempted to make H_____ the national language, but many I_____ resisted because they felt their c_____ heritage would disappear.

Jawaharal N_____ led I_____ after Gandhi's a_____. Nehru built many f_____, highways, and r_____ making I_____ one of the world's largest i_____ nations.

India has fought three w_____ with P_____. In 1998, both I_____ and P_____ tested nuclear w_____, prompting many people to be concerned about the prospect of n_____ war.

Answer in complete sentences

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*1. Why is India a difficult nation to govern?

2. Why has India's population increased so rapidly?

*3. India, Pakistan, and many other developing nations have rapidly expanding populations. What can the government do to limit population growth?

*4. Do you believe the government of a nation has the responsibility to limit population growth? Is it wrong for a government to become involved in family planning decisions? (You may answer either question or add relevant thoughts of your own.)

5. Should other nations be concerned about India and Pakistan testing nuclear weapons? Defend your answer.

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India comprises about *____% of the Indian subcontinent, but they share the *l_____ with
 f_____ other nations. P_____ was created as a M_____ homeland in 1947. E_____ Pakistan
 broke away to form the independent nation of B_____. High in the H_____ are
 the isolated k_____ of N_____ and B_____. Finally, S_____ L_____ is a small
 **_____ shaped nation off the *s_____ coast of the
 S_____.

Answer in complete sentences

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*1. Write a paragraph that explains why Bangladesh separated from India. Your paragraph must include a topic sentence and a conclusion. Your conclusion must be different from your topic sentence.

2. Describe at least one of the challenges faced by Bangladesh's government.

3. What do many scientists believe caused the drought in Sri Lanka?

4. Why has Sri Lanka been fighting a civil war since 1983?

5. Why are Nepal and Bhutan very isolated nations?

**Look at a map and be creative.

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