

Indus River Valley (2500 BC)  
- peninsula / India Ocean  
N/W by mts. (limits contact)  
monsoons

1) Identify at least 3 geographical features of India?

- Harappa + Mohenjo Daro  
grid pattern cities / dominated by  
plumby + sewers forties / temple.

2) What were the 2 Indus Valley cities called?

India (1500 BC - 185 BC) Indus + Ganges  
subcontinent 3 regions northern plain  
Deccan Plateau / Coastal Plains

3) What are the 2 major rivers called?

Indo-European Warriors - Aryans  
Vedas - a collection of sacred writings

4) Who invaded India as early civilization?

1500 - 500 BCE  
by 500 BC Aryans settle build a new civilization

5) What 2 religions are predominant in India?

Hinduism (Buddhism)

no single founder / grew out of India  
brahmin - one unifying spirit  
most important gods Brahma Creator  
Vishnu Preserver Shiva Destroyer

6) How many gods do the Hindus worship?

achieve union w/ Brahman  
free yourself from selfish desires  
reincarnation - rebirth of soul.

7) What is their main goal in life?

obey law of Karma - deeds  
dharma - moral + religious duties?

8) How does a person achieve union w/ Brahma?

Castes - social groups  
priests - Brahmins  
warriors - Kshatriyas  
herd/farm/art + merch - Vaishyas  
farm worker/servants - Sudras

9) How does the Hindu social structure relate to religion?

religious texts Vedas  
Upanishads  
untouchables

10) What are the 2 religious texts called?

power - subject / ...

Buddhism → Siddhartha Gautama  
Buddha - Enlightened one (prince)

11) Who is Buddha?

1) Four noble truths → all life is suffering  
suffering is caused by desire for things that are illusory  
eliminate suffering is to eliminate desire  
follow 8 fold path to overcome desire.

12) What are the 4 Noble truths?

2) Eightfold path - right views/intentions/speech/meditation  
conduct/livelihood/effort/mindfulness

13) What is the ultimate goal?

ultimate goal is nirvana, union w/ universe  
→ release from cycle of life/death

\* Compare contrast Buddhism accepts/rejects gods + rituals  
religious communities caste system

sacred texts - Tripitaka "3 Baskets of Wisdom"

14) What is their sacred text called?

Mauya dynasty  
Gupta dynasty

(Review Book - Unit 2 Sect. 1 The Gupta Empire in India)  
pp 67-71 82/113 (204-05 Nat'l)