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Ancient India

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The ancient city of Harappa had _____.

- A. paved roads, sewer lines, and grids of streets
- B. an opera house, a postal service, and an art school

- C. restaurants, bookstores, and public transportation
- D. a city council, a mayor, and a fire department

2. Which of the following is a **true** statement?

- A. India has a single, very long river that brings water to the entire country.
- B. In the summer, big winds called monsoons bring lots of rain and thunderstorms to India.

- C. India contains over a dozen active and inactive volcanoes.
- D. India is surrounded by mountains on all four sides.

3. The Himalayas are _____.

- A. a mountain range of many tall peaks where you will find Mount Everest
- B. the mythical beasts that live in the forest in India

- C. a river that flows from the mountains into India
- D. an advanced ancient civilization that mysteriously disappeared in 2000 BC

4. The Rig Veda is often considered the _____.

- A. first written collection of fairy tales
- B. most perfectly preserved skeleton ever found

- C. earliest written document of governmental laws
- D. oldest existing piece of literature

5. The Vedas explored the relationship between the soul and the world and founded the basis of _____.

- A. Buddhism
- B. Hinduism
- C. Taoism
- D. Confucianism

6. The Dalit were _____.

- A. Indo-Europeans who migrated from Central Asia around 1500 BC
- B. the soldiers and their wives who made up the second highest caste
- C. the lowest caste, also called the "untouchables," who had the worst jobs in the society
- D. merchants and farm owners

7. _____ determines what you will come back as in your next life.

- A. Your caste
- B. Your job
- C. Your karma
- D. Your wealth

8. Buddhists believe that Nirvana can be reached _____.

- A. by the caste of priests
- B. by becoming very rich
- C. by being reincarnated into someone beautiful
- D. by finding peace and freeing oneself of pain and suffering

9. The Indus and the Ganges are _____.

- A. ancient cities that were very similar despite being 300 miles apart
- B. rivers that flow into India and bring water to the country
- C. groups of invaders who failed to conquer ancient India
- D. the highest castes

10. Siddhartha was _____.

- A. the founder of Hinduism
- B. a powerful Aryan leader

- C. a famous ruler of India who converted to Buddhism
- D. the founder of Buddhism