

Chapter 14: Republic of India – Section 1: The Geography of India

### **Guided Reading**

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

India is the largest country on the Indian \_\_\_\_\_\_. 1.

- It is located in southern \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the southern side of the 2. Himalayan Mountains.
- While India has one of the largest \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world, it is 3. only the seventh-largest country in the world at about 1.2 million square miles.
- Just south of the large mountain ranges, most of India is made up of a broad 4. between the Indus River and the Ganges River.
- South of this great plain is an area of higher plateaus called the 5.

\_\_\_\_\_

- 6. Most of India's people rely on farming and other \_\_\_\_\_ work, so most of the people live along the great rivers and in the fertile river valleys.
- 7. Some of India's largest cities are located along the \_\_\_\_\_ River or near the coast.
- Snow and ice are in the northern \_\_\_\_\_, hot dry plains are in 8. the central plateau, and steamy \_\_\_\_\_\_ climate is along the southern coast.
- 9. A large \_\_\_\_\_\_ area borders Pakistan, while the Ganges Plain is humid and almost tropical.
- 10. The climate of India is shaped by seasonal winds known as

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- 11. These winds blow hot, dry air across the continent from the northeast during the \_\_\_\_\_. In the spring and summer, the winds come from the opposite direction and bring heavy \_\_\_\_\_ from the ocean.
- 12. On the other hand, monsoon rains can cause destructive
- 13. India has many natural resources, a number of which are \_\_\_\_\_. It is the fourth-largest producer of \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
- 14. The large and densely populated parts of India create many \_\_\_\_\_ problems for India's people.
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_ is the most polluted city in the world.
- 16. An enormous and growing \_\_\_\_\_\_ along with the rapid growth of cities (urban areas) and the development of \_\_\_\_\_ have left many parts of India with some of the heaviest \_\_\_\_\_ pollution in the world.
- 17. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ River is India's most important river.
- 18. The water of the Ganges carries tons of rich \_\_\_\_\_\_ (topsoil, silt, and minerals from the mountains) that is gradually spread along its path, enriching the farmland and creating a large, fertile \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the mouth of the river.
- 19. In spite of the river's importance and its place in the spiritual lives of Indians, the quality of the water has become \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ can be a serious and sometimes deadly problem for the people of India.
- 21. The core of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ is in the north along the banks of the Ganges, with other river valleys and southern coastal areas also having large population concentrations of people.

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- 22. The majority of Indians live in \_\_\_\_\_\_ areas with only about onethird of the population living in cities.
- 23. With India's large population comes incredible \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the official languages and is the most common language with over 40 percent of the population speaking it.

25. The majority of the population practices \_\_\_\_\_\_.



Chapter 14: Republic of India – Section 2: A Brief History of India

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- Around 4,000 years ago, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ civilization, one 1. of the world's oldest, flourished along the Indus River in what is now Pakistan.
- Classic Indian \_\_\_\_\_ grew from these roots, and the period 2. known as the "Golden Age" (AD 4th to 6th centuries) saw the growth of Indian \_\_\_\_\_, mathematics, art, and culture.
- In the 10th and 11th centuries, \_\_\_\_\_\_ and Afghans invaded India 3. and established the Delhi Sultanate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ explorers began establishing footholds in India during 4. the 16th century.
- By the 19th century, \_\_\_\_\_\_ had become the 5. dominant political power on the subcontinent.
- 6. A feeling of \_\_\_\_\_\_ began to surface in India in the 1800s.
- People in India began to be upset that their country was a part of the British 7. \_\_\_\_\_empire.
- The first two groups to work for the rights of Indians were the Indian 8. \_\_\_\_\_, organized in 1885, and the \_\_\_\_\_, begun in 1906.
- 9. During World War I, millions of Indians joined forces with the British hoping that their service would be rewarded with more control of their

<sup>10.</sup> Those who began to protest were \_\_\_\_\_\_ under the new Rowlatt Act, which gave the British the power to send Indians to jail for up to two years without a trial.

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- 11. Following the \_\_\_\_\_\_ at Amritsar, Mohandas Gandhi began to urge Indians to refuse to cooperate with British laws they felt were unjust.
- 12. Though the British authorities often responded with arrests and beatings, and his followers refused to do the same.
- 13. Britain passed the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of India Act that gave India some self-government.
- 14. When World War II broke out, Great Britain offered India (control or the exercise of control) status in the British Empire if they would help the war effort.
- 15. Gandhi and the Indian National Congress \_\_\_\_\_\_ the offer.
- 16. When World War II ended, the British decided to grant India
- 17. The British colonial leader, Lord Louis Mountbatten, decided that they only way to grant independence and avoid fighting was to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the country into Hindu and Muslim sections.
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_ India would be in the center, the largest because there were many more Hindus than people of any other religion.
- 19. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ would be moved to smaller countries created in both the east and the west along the borders of India.
- 20. Through 1947, millions of people left homes they had lived in for generations to make the moves ordered by the creation of the new \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 21. On August 15, 1947, \_\_\_\_\_\_ rule in India came to an end, and the independent countries of India, West Pakistan, and East Pakistan were created.



Chapter 14: Republic of India – Section 3: The Government of India

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- India came under \_\_\_\_\_\_ rule beginning in the 1700s, and it was a 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of the British Empire until 1947.
- Today India is the world's largest \_\_\_\_\_\_. 2.
- India is a federal 3.
- The head of government is a \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the 4. head of state is a \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_\_ branch has the prime minister, president, and 5. cabinet.
- The \_\_\_\_\_\_ branch is the Parliament of India. 6.
- Finally, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ branch has the Supreme Court that is 7. made up of a chief justice and twenty-five associate judges.
- The national Parliament of India has two houses: the \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rajya Saha) and the People's \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Lok Sabha).
- The leader of the majority \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the 9. Indian parliament serves as prime minister and head of government.
- 10. The Indian \_\_\_\_\_\_ was adopted in 1950. It \_\_\_\_\_ all Indian citizens the same basic rights.
- 11. Local power is in the hands of \_\_\_\_\_\_ in India.
- 12. Each village council, known as a panchayat, is part of a larger group of

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- 13. Because India is so large and has so many different \_\_\_\_\_, castes, and religions, the national government has had to work very hard to see that all groups feel included and are equally \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ India's huge population of children is another issue.
- 15. Rapid growth of cities means that there are challenges to meet the needs of city dwellers and keep their \_\_\_\_\_ healthy.



Chapter 14: Republic of India — Section 4: The Economy of India

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- India has a \_\_\_\_\_\_ economy that leans toward a market 1. system.
- The country has a stable \_\_\_\_\_\_ that is good for business. 2.
- 3. By 2017, the International Monetary Fund labeled India as the world's \_\_\_\_\_-growing economy.
- 4. The economy of India is a blend of \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_activities.
- About half of India's population still works in \_\_\_\_\_, 5. many using farming techniques that have not changed for centuries.
- 6. India now leads many of the countries in the region in the growth of \_\_\_\_\_ and service industries.
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is very important to India's economy and has been for centuries.
- 8. One of India's most valuable resources is \_\_\_\_\_ land.
- The \_\_\_\_\_\_ cutting and polishing industry in India is the 9. largest in the world.
- 10. In the 1960s, the Indian government announced the beginning of a program called the \_\_\_\_\_, the national project aimed at helping farmers use more modern methods and technologies to improve crop production.

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- 11. Even with these improvements, India still has to struggle to \_\_\_\_\_\_ enough food for the ever-increasing population.
- 12. The Indian government has stressed \_\_\_\_\_\_ during the past decades.
- 13. India is now one of the leading \_\_\_\_\_ producers in the world.
- 14. India is a country that has \_\_\_\_\_\_ heavily in the factories, modern machinery, and advanced technology that makes up what is known as capital goods.
- 15. India's cities are home to some of the most advanced communications and \_\_\_\_\_ technology in that part of the world.
- 16. Some of the world's largest and most successful companies were \_\_\_\_\_ by Indian entrepreneurs.



Chapter 14: Republic of India — Section 5: US-India Relations

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- This relationship is rooted in common values, including the rule of law, respect 1. for \_\_\_\_\_, and democratic government.
- The countries have a shared interest in promoting global \_\_\_\_\_, 2. stability, and economic prosperity through trade and investment.
- The United States supports India's critical role as a leader in maintaining 3. regional \_\_\_\_\_.
- The United States and India also are developing their \_\_\_\_\_ 4. partnership through military sales and joint research, co-production and codevelopment efforts.
- It provides opportunities to strengthen collaboration in areas including energy, 5. climate change, \_\_\_\_\_, education, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- One of the main goals of these funds is to help end the extreme 6. \_\_\_\_\_ in parts of India by increasing access to quality \_\_\_\_\_care.
- US-India bilateral trade in goods and services has \_\_\_\_\_ 7. over the last decade, supporting thousands of US jobs.
- The United States and India are continuing efforts to deepen the 8. \_\_\_\_\_ relationship, improve investor confidence, and support economic growth in both countries.
- On \_\_\_\_\_\_ cooperation, the United States and India are 9. committed to working together to help ensure mutual energy security, combat global \_\_\_\_\_\_ change, and support the development of low-carbon economies that will create opportunities and job growth in both countries.

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10. The United States supports a reformed UN \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ that includes India as a permanent member.