

Chapter – 5 | India, That Is Bharat

QUIZ
PART-02

1. What ancient text contains the phrase describing India from Cape Kumari to the great northern mountain?
- Ramayana
 - Rig Veda
 - Vishnu Purāṇa
 - Ancient Tamil Literature (D)

Explanation: A poem from ancient Tamil literature praises a king and describes India stretching from Cape Kumari in the south to the great northern mountain.

2. How is 'Bhārata' commonly written in South India?
- Bharat
 - Bharatham
 - Bharatam
 - Bharataa (C)

Explanation: In South India, the term is often written as 'Bharatam'.

3. What does the Indian Constitution state at the beginning about the country's name?
- Bharat arthāth Hindustan
 - India arthāth Bharat
 - Bharat arthāth India
 - Hindustan arthāth India (C)

Explanation: The Hindi version of the Constitution refers to the country as "Bharat arthāth India".

4. Who were the first foreigners to mention India?
- Chinese
 - Greeks
 - Persians
 - Romans (C)

Explanation: The ancient Persians were the first foreigners to refer to the region, calling it 'Hind', 'Hidu', or 'Hindu', derived from 'Sindhu'.

5. Why did the Greeks drop the 'H' in 'Hindu' when naming India?
- 'H' was silent in Persian
 - 'H' did not exist in the Greek language
 - They confused it with another region
 - It was a translation error (B)

Explanation: The Greek language lacked the letter 'H', so 'Hindu' became 'Indoi' or 'Indike'.

6. How did ancient Chinese sources refer to India?
- Bharat
 - Hindustan
 - Yintu or Yindu
 - Indika (C)

Explanation: Ancient Chinese referred to India as 'Yintu' or 'Yindu', both derived from 'Sindhu'.

7. What is the meaning of the Chinese word 'Tianzhu'?
- Holy land
 - Land of prosperity
 - Heavenly master
 - King's realm (C)

Explanation: 'Tianzhu' means 'Heavenly Master' and reflects Chinese respect for India as the land of the Buddha.

8. What was Xuanzang's major contribution after returning to China from India?
- Writing poems on India
 - Establishing a monastery
 - Translating Sanskrit manuscripts into Chinese
 - Mapping Indian cities (C)

Explanation: Xuanzang translated Buddhist Sanskrit texts into Chinese after his return from India.

9. Which language is the Indian Constitution originally written in?
- Hindi
 - Sanskrit
 - English
 - Persian (C)

Explanation: The Indian Constitution was first written in English before being translated into other languages.

10. The term 'Hindustan' was first used in which type of inscription?
- Latin
 - Greek
 - Persian
 - Arabic (C)

Explanation: The term 'Hindustan' first appeared in a Persian inscription about 1,800 years ago.