

Chapter – 5 | India, That Is Bharat

QUIZ
PART-01

1. Which ancient text names the northwest region of the subcontinent as 'Sapta Sindhava'?
- A. Mahabharata
B. Ramayana
C. Rig Veda
D. Arthashastra (C)

Explanation: The Rig Veda refers to the northwest region of India as 'Sapta Sindhava' or the 'Land of Seven Rivers'.

2. What does the term 'Sindhava' originate from?
- A. Ganga
B. Yamuna
C. Sarasvati
D. Sindhu (D)

Explanation: 'Sindhava' comes from 'Sindhu', which refers to the Indus River or rivers in general.

3. Which ancient Indian text lists regions like Kāshmirā, Kurukshetra, and Vanga?
- A. Rig Veda
B. Manusmriti
C. Mahabharata
D. Upanishads (C)

Explanation: The Mahabharata lists many regions of ancient India, including Kāshmirā and Vanga.

4. The term 'Bhāratavarsha' refers to:
- A. A river in northern India
B. The modern Indian republic
C. The entire Indian subcontinent
D. A province in ancient Bengal (C)

Explanation: 'Bhāratavarsha' is used in ancient texts like the Mahabharata to describe the entire Indian subcontinent.

5. What does the term 'Jambudvīpa' literally mean?
- A. 'Land of seven rivers'
B. Land of the Bharatas
C. Island of the fruit of the Jamun tree
D. Land of gold (C)

Explanation: 'Jambudvīpa' means 'the island of the fruit of the Jamun tree', referring to the Indian subcontinent.

6. Who was the Indian emperor that used the term 'Jambudvīpa' in an inscription around 250 BCE?
- A. Chandragupta
B. Ashoka
C. Harsha
D. Kanishka (B)

Explanation: Emperor Ashoka used the term 'Jambudvīpa' to describe the Indian subcontinent in his inscriptions.

7. Which tree is associated with the word 'Jambudvīpa'?
- A. Neem
B. Jamun
C. Peepal
D. Banyan (B)

Explanation: 'Jambudvīpa' is named after the Jamun tree, also known as the Jambul or Malabar Plum.

8. Which region mentioned in ancient texts corresponds to today's Assam?
- A. Kāshmirā
B. Prāgyotisha
C. Kaccha
D. Kurukshetra (B)

Explanation: Prāgyotisha in ancient texts roughly corresponds to the present-day state of Assam.

9. What does the term 'Bhārata' originally refer to in the Rig Veda?
- A. A king from southern India
B. The Jamun tree
C. One of the Vedic groups of people
D. A pilgrimage site (C)

Explanation: In the Rig Veda, 'Bhārata' refers to one of the main Vedic groups of people.

10. Which of the following is not listed as a region in the Mahabharata?
- A. Kerala
B. Kaccha
C. Vanga
D. Deccan (D)

Explanation: The Mahabharata lists regions like Kerala, Kaccha, and Vanga, but does not mention the 'Deccan' by name.