

Chapter 2 Mastery Test A

Part A Read each sentence. Write *T* if the statement is true or *F* if it is false.

- _____ 1) A subcontinent is a large piece of land that is somewhat smaller than a continent.
- _____ 2) The two most important rivers in India are the Khyber and the Ganges.
- _____ 3) A pass is an open place in a mountain.
- _____ 4) Archaeologists know that the people of the Indus River Valley had a written language because they found tablets with pictograms on them.
- _____ 5) The Vedas contains the religious beliefs and legends of ancient Indians.
- _____ 6) A caste is a class of people in India.
- _____ 7) The Indian religion that stresses the belief in the Vedas is Hinduism.
- _____ 8) In ancient times, China was isolated from the rest of the world because of its geography.
- _____ 9) The Chinese built the Grand Canal to connect the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers.
- _____ 10) A dynasty is a family that rules a country over a long period of time.

Part B Write the letter of the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

- _____ 1) The Hindus believe they are born and reborn into one of four _____.
a. cultures b. castes c. dynasties d. characters
- _____ 2) In ancient times, a person who could read and write was called a _____.
a. caste b. monsoon c. scribe d. silt
- _____ 3) A _____ is a picture symbol found in a type of early writing.
a. tablet b. hymn c. caste d. pictogram
- _____ 4) The _____ is the longest and most important river in China.
a. Yellow b. Yangtze c. Ganges d. Sanskrit
- _____ 5) The Chinese built the _____ to keep out nomadic invaders.
a. Great Wall b. Grand Canal c. Khyber Pass d. Yellow River

Chapter 2 Mastery Test A, continued**Part C** Match each item on the left with the correct item on the right.

Write the correct letter on each blank.

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| _____ 1) peninsula | a) a waterway made by humans |
| _____ 2) fertile | b) the Yellow River |
| _____ 3) transport | c) a person who makes beautiful objects |
| _____ 4) districts | d) the rebirth of the soul into a new body |
| _____ 5) noble | e) means "books of knowledge" |
| _____ 6) Vedas | f) to move from one place to another |
| _____ 7) reincarnation | g) land surrounded by water on three sides |
| _____ 8) canal | h) able to grow crops |
| _____ 9) artisan | i) what city planners divided their cities into |
| _____ 10) "China's Sorrow" | j) a person of high birth |

Part D Write a one-word answer on the blank line for each question.

- 1) What kept China isolated during ancient times? _____
- 2) What religion includes the belief in reincarnation? _____
- 3) What are the seasonal winds that blow over the Indian Ocean? _____
- 4) After a flood, what is the rich layer of soil left behind called? _____
- 5) Archaeologists have discovered clay tablets in the Indus River Valley with what on them? _____
- 6) What were most of the common people in China? _____
- 7) What is the name of the precious green stone which artisans used for carving? _____
- 8) What is the name for a group of people whose members live together for the good of all? _____
- 9) In ancient times, who could read and write? _____
- 10) What is the name of one of the two most important rivers in China? _____

WORD BANK

Yellow / Yangtze

scribes

society

jade

farmers

pictograms

silt

monsoons

Hinduism

geography