

Read the texts. Read the questions and then answers:

1. What are part of the world's longest bas-relief?
2. Since 1987, India's 1.3 million square miles have been divided into how many states and territories?
3. What happened in 1915?
4. Why did Shah Jahan build the Taj Mahal? Taj Mahal is an image of what?
5. In 1965, what was declared the official national language? What is often used as a common language for official business?
6. Why did Gandhi go to South Africa? He became well-known as whom?

7. When India gained independence from English rule in 1947, it was free to govern itself. However, what happened?

8. Describe the caste system.