

## 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