

CHAPTER 11

Sea Route to India

True or False Questions

1. India was known as the "Golden Bird" because of its vast wealth and precious resources. (True / False)
2. Vasco da Gama was chosen by the King of Spain to find a sea route to India. (True / False)
3. Vasco da Gama successfully traded large quantities of spices during his first voyage to Calicut. (True / False)
4. The Zamorin of Calicut was unimpressed with Vasco da Gama's gifts. (True / False)
5. Vasco da Gama's voyage led to immediate and massive profits for Portugal. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. India was famous for its _____, silk, and spices.
2. Vasco da Gama's fleet consisted of _____ ships.
3. The southernmost tip of Africa was rounded by another explorer named _____.
4. Vasco da Gama reached the Malabar Coast of India on _____.
5. The ruler of Calicut was called the _____.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why were Europeans attracted to India?
 - A) For its beautiful landscapes
 - B) To earn wealth through trade
 - C) To learn Indian languages
 - D) To spread Christianity

2. Who advised Vasco da Gama to avoid sailing too close to the African coast?
 - A) King Emmanuel
 - B) The Zamorin
 - C) Bartholomew Diaz
 - D) A local pilot

3. What did Vasco da Gama lack when meeting the Zamorin?
 - A) A map of India
 - B) Costly presents
 - C) Enough sailors
 - D) Weapons

4. How many sailors returned to Portugal out of the original 170?

- A) 100
- B) 54
- C) 75
- D) 120

5. What was the main trading center in Southern India that Vasco da Gama reached?

- A) Goa
- B) Calicut
- C) Mumbai
- D) Kochi

6. What did Vasco da Gama's voyage prove?

- A) That India was poor
- B) That a sea route to India was possible
- C) That spices were worthless
- D) That Portugal was the richest country

7. What did the local pilot in Malindi help Vasco da Gama with?

- A) Translating languages
- B) Navigating the Arabian Sea
- C) Trading spices
- D) Building ships

8. Why did King Emmanuel want a direct sea route to India?

- A) To avoid paying merchants
- B) To conquer Africa
- C) To spread religion
- D) To explore new lands

9. What was the reaction of traders in Calicut to Portuguese goods?

- A) They were highly interested
- B) They refused to buy them
- C) They offered high prices
- D) They traded gold for them

10. What long-term impact did Vasco da Gama's voyage have?

- A) Immediate Portuguese rule over India
- B) European nations trading and later ruling Eastern countries
- C) India becoming poor
- D) The end of spice trade