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Questions and Answers

1. Answer the following in one sentence:

Question 1.

What is history?

Answer:

History is a coherent account of the significant past events in the progress of human culture.

Question 2.

Where do human settlements flourish?

Answer:

Human settlements have flourished wherever the means of living are plentiful.

Question 3.

What do the people in the hilly region depend on for their food?

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Answer:

In the hilly regions people depend more on hunting and gathering for their food.

Question 4.

Which was the earliest civilization in India?

Answer:

The Harappan civilization was the earliest civilization in India.

2. Answer the following questions in short:

Question 1.

What does human life depend on?

Answer:

Human life in any region depends to a large extent on its geographical characteristics, diet, clothing, housing and occupation.

Question 2.

What features of our surroundings form the means of our livelihood?

Answer:

The climate, rainfall, agricultural produce, flora and fauna of the region where we live form the source or means of our livelihood.

Question 3.

Which region is known as the Indian subcontinent?

Answer:

Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India together form the region known as south Asia. Considering the expanse and significance of India in this region, it is also known as the Indian subcontinent.

3. Give reasons:

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Question 1.

There is a close relation between history and geography.

Answer:

- Time, place, society and individuals are four major pillars without which history cannot be written.
- Of these four components 'place' is related to geography or geographical conditions.
- This makes history and geography inseparable i.e. very closely related.

Question 2.

People are forced to leave their settlements.

Answer:

- Sometimes reasons like degradation of the environment, drought, invasion, etc. leads to scarcity of means.
- Therefore, people are forced to leave their settlements in their fight for survival.

4. Explain the difference in the human life in the hilly regions and that on the plains.

Answer:

Human life in the Hilly region	Human life in the Plains
(1) Human life was very strenuous	(1) Life was more comfortable.
(2) Land was not fertile. therefore no So agriculture was wcarried on.	(2) Land was very Fertile So agriculture was carried on.
(3) Grains and vegetables Grains and are scarce.	(3) Grains and vegetables are found in plenty
(4) They depend on hunting and gathering for their food.	(4) They do not depend on hunting and gathering for their food.

5. Observe the physical map of India and answer the questions based on it:

Question 1.

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Which mountain ranges lie in the north of India?

Answer:

The Hindukush and the Himalayan mountain ranges.

Question 2.

Which are the routes to India from the north-east?

Answer:

The route to India from the north east is by sea.

Question 3.

Where do the Ganga and Brahmaputra meet?

Answer:

The Ganga and Brahmaputra meet in Bangladesh.

Question 4.

Name the islands to the east of the Indian peninsula.

Answer:

The Andaman and Nicobar islands are the Indian islands to the east of the Indian peninsula.

Question 5.

In which part of India do we see the Thar Desert?

Answer:

We see the Thar Desert in the north western part of India.

Activity:

- Obtain information about the lakes or reservoirs in your locality.
- Show the following on a world map :
 1. The Himalaya Mountain

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- 2. The Silk Road
- 3. Arabia

Additional Important Questions and Answers

Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option:

Question 1.

_____ is a coherent account of the significant past events in the progress of human culture.

- (a) History
- (b) Geography
- (c) Civics

Answer:

History

Question 2.

Not much fertile land is available in the _____ region.

- (a) plains
- (b) hilly
- (c) plateau

Answer:

hilly

Question 3.

Grains and vegetables are _____ in the hilly areas.

- (a) scarce
- (b) plenty

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(c) moderate

Answer:

scarce

Question 4.

In the _____ regions, people depend more on hunting and gathering for their food.

(a) plateau

(b) plains

(c) hilly

Answer:

hilly

Question 5.

Human settlements have flourished wherever the means of living are _____.

(a) scarce

(b) plentiful

(c) moderate

Answer:

plentiful

Question 6.

_____ lies to the north of India.

(a) Andaman

(b) Western Ghats

(c) Himalayas

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Answer:

Himalayas

Question 7.

_____ lies to the east of India.

- (a) Bay of Bengal
- (b) Eastern ghats
- (c) Lakshadweep

Answer:

Bay of Bengal

Question 8.

_____ lies to west of India.

- (a) Himalayas
- (b) Arabian sea
- (c) Brahmaputra

Answer:

Arabian sea

Question 9.

_____ lies to the south of India.

- (a) Indian Ocean
- (b) Arabian Sea
- (c) Pacific Ocean

Answer:

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Indian Ocean

Question 10.

The Hindukush and Himalayan ranges have created an impenetrable wall on the northern side of the _____ subcontinent.

- (a) Indian
- (b) Foreign
- (c) Asian

Answer:

Indian

Question 11.

There is a land route through the Khyber and Bolan passes in the _____ mountains.

- (a) Himalayan
- (b) Satpuda
- (c) Hindukush

Answer:

Hindukush

Question 12.

The _____ desert spreads across Rajasthan, Haryana and some parts of Gujarat.

- (a) Bhor
- (b) Thar
- (c) Arabian

Answer:

Thar

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Question 13.

The _____ river that originates in Himachal Pradesh reaches the Thar desert.

- (a) Ganga
- (b) Sindhu
- (c) Ghaggar

Answer:

Ghaggar

Question 14.

A region that is bound by sea on three sides is called a _____.

- (a) peninsula
- (b) plateau
- (c) island

Answer:

peninsula

Question 15.

A major part of the Indian peninsula is occupied by the _____ plateau.

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Bengal
- (c) Deccan

Answer:

Deccan

Question 16.

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The mountain ranges of the Vindhya and Satpuda are located to the of the _____
Deccan Plateau.

(a) east

(b) north

(c) west

Answer:

north

Question 17.

Deccan plateau was a part of the _____ empire, the largest in ancient India.

(a) Maurya

(b) Gupta

(c) Chola

Answer:

Maurya

Question 18.

Lakshadweep is a group of Indian islands in the _____ Sea.

(a) Red

(b) Dead

(c) Arabian

Answer:

Arabian

Question 19.

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The Harappan civilization had spread mainly in the _____ part of the Indian subcontinent.

- (a) southeastern
- (b) northwestern
- (c) southwestern

Answer:

north western

Match the following:

Question 1.

Column (A)	Column (B)
(1) Himalayas	(a) South
(2) Indian Ocean	(b) East
(3) Arabian Sea	(c) North
(4) Bay of Bengal	(d) West

Answer:

- 1 – c
- 2 – a
- 3 – d
- 4 – b

Question 2.

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Column (A)

- (1) China
- (2) Vindhya range
- (3) Bangladesh
- (4) Andaman and Nicobar islands
- (5) Khyber and Bolan passes

Column (B)

- (a) Deccan plateau
- (b) Not a part of Indian subcontinent
- (c) In Bay of Bengal
- (d) In the Hindukush mountains
- (e) Part of Indian subcontinent

Answer:

1 – b

2 – a

3 – e

4 – c

5 – d

Answer the following in one sentence:**Question 1.**

Give the four major pillars without which history could not have been written.

Answer:

Time, place, society and individuals are the four major pillars of history, without which history could not have been written.

Question 2.

What has created an impenetrable wall on the northern side of the Indian subcontinent?
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Answer:

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Two mountain ranges, the Hindukush and Himalayan ranges have created an impenetrable wall on the northern side of the Indian subcontinent.

Question 3.

Which passes form a route in the Hindukush mountains?

Answer:

The Khyber and the Bolan passes form a land route in the Hindukush mountains.

Question 4.

What is known as 'Hakra' in Pakistan?

Answer:

The Ghaggar river that originates in Himachal Pradesh reaches the Thar desert. It is known as 'Hakra' in Pakistan.

Question 5.

Which plateau occupies a major part of the Indian peninsula?

Answer:

The Deccan plateau occupies a major part of the Indian peninsula.

Question 6.

Which mountain range is to the north of the Deccan plateau?

Answer:

The Vindhya and Satpuda mountain ranges are located to the north of the Deccan plateau.

Question 7.

Name the Indian islands in the Bay of Bengal.

Answer:

Andaman and Nicobar are the Indian islands in the Bay of Bengal.

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Question 8.

Which manuscript mentions the Indian islands?

Answer:

The manuscript 'Periplus of the Erythrean Sea' or 'Handbook of the Red Sea' by an unknown Greek sailor, makes a mention of Indian islands.

Question 9.

Which two ancient cities are in today's Pakistan?

Answer:

The cities of Harappa and Mohenjo-daro are in today's Pakistan.

Answer the following questions in short:

Question 1.

State the extent of our country, India.

Answer:

Our country India, extends far and wide:

- To its north lies the Himalayas.
- To the east, the Bay of Bengal.
- To the west, the Arabian Sea.
- And to the south, the Indian ocean.
- Except for the islands of Andaman, Nicobar and Lakshadweep, the rest of the country is contiguous.

Question 2.

Describe the trade route from China to Arabia.

Answer:

- There is a land route through the Khyber and Bolan passes in the Hindukush mountains.
- This land route was connected to an ancient trade route.

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- The trade route from China in the east passed through central Asia and reached Arabia in the west.

Give reasons:

Question 1.

The trade route from west to east was also called the silk route.

Answer:

- Silk was the main commodity exported to the western countries using this trade route.
- Therefore this trade route from west to east was called the 'silk route' or 'silk road'.



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