South & Central Asia Study Guide HWG

1. Describe how the Himalayan Mountains formed. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Describe the Rain Shadow effect. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. The wet side of a high mountain is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ side.

4. The dry side of a high mountain is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ side.

5. List and describe at least 3 environmental issues facing South Asia. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. Describe the phenomenon of *monsoons*. How do they affect South Asia? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Describe the demographic trends in South Asia, including *urban* and *rural* statistics. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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8. Describe the Union Carbide disaster that impacted India in 1984. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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9. Which country of mainland South Asia is most affected by seasonal flooding? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. Describe why large corporations are attracted to move parts of their business to South Asia. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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11. Describe the problems facing big urban centers in South Asia such as Calcutta, India. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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12. What are the two main language families found in India? In what part of India are you most likely to find each language family? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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13. What is the considered the unifying language of India? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. What is the main holy book of the Hindu religion? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. What is the title give to a Hindu spiritual teacher? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. Give a good description of the caste system, in your own words. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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17. List and describe the 4 *varnas* of the Indian caste system.

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18. Name of outcast or “untouchable” group that is beneath the caste system entirely? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. Describe the religion of Jainism. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20. Describe the religion of Sikhism. Where is it primarily found? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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21. What occupation are the Sikhs known for historically? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

22. List 2 countries of South Asia with a majority Muslim population. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

23. Outline the recent civil and political tensions in Sri Lanka. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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24. Define the following vocab words.

a) Reincarnation (*Samsara*) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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b) Karma - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c) Moksha - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

d) Nirvana - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e) Dharma - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

25. Is Hinduism a *universal* or *ethnic* religion? What major river is the Hindu religion intimately tied to? \_

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26. What is the birth name of the person who would become the first Buddha? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

27. What does the title “*Buddha*” mean? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

28. List the 4 Noble Truths of Buddhism.

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29. Briefly describe the 5 precepts of Buddhism in your own words. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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30. Why is Buddhism not considered a religion by some? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

31. What are the 2 main branches of Buddhism? In what regions/countries are they most likely found?

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32. Describe Tibetan Buddhism. What is title given to the leader of this group? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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33. What are the two names given to Buddhist temples? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

34. What region of South Asia is claimed by both India and Pakistan? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

35. Who was Mahatma Gandhi? What is he best known for? Outline his teachings. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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36. Define the following vocab words.

a) British Raj - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b) Partition - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

37. Around what year did the subcontinent gain its independence from Britain? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

38. Know the general climate characteristics of South Asia.

39. Study your political and physical maps of South Asia.