

## Unit 4 SS Study Guide: Asia Geography, Environment, Religion *Test on MONDAY, February 6*

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Know the location of the following countries on a political map:

- Pakistan
- India
- Vietnam
- China
- Mongolia
- North Korea
- South Korea
- Japan
- Indonesia



Know the location of the following physical features on a physical map:

- Indus River
- Ganges River
- Mekong River
- Yangtze River
- Huang He (Yellow River)
- Sea of Japan
- Yellow Sea
- Pacific Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Bay of Bengal
- South China Sea
- Taklimakan Desert



- Gobi Desert
- Himalayan Mountain
- Korean Peninsula
- Mt. Everest

Answer the following questions:

1. What determines the climate of Japan? **Ocean Currents**
2. What mountain is the tallest in the world? **Mount Everest**
3. Where do most people in India live? **Along the great rivers and fertile valleys (along the Ganges River)**
4. Why do the majority of people live in eastern China? **That is where the rivers are located; also the climate is better there**
5. What is a monsoon? **A seasonal prevailing wind, lasting several months, that brings heavy rains.**
6. How does a monsoon affect India's climate? **it causes rainy seasons and dry seasons**
7. How has growing industries, such as factories, created problems in the Ganges River? **Factories along the river dump industrial waste and chemicals into the river every day.**
8. What are some causes of air pollution in China? **cars, factories, cooking fires in rural areas**
9. How is the Chinese government trying to limit air pollution? **limiting the number of cars, controlling the size of its population**
10. What country is Hinduism primarily practiced in? **India**
11. Why is the Ganges River sacred to Hinduism? **Hindus believe the river will purify them; they also believe it will speed along the process of a cremated body being reincarnated**
12. What is reincarnation? **rebirth of a soul in a new body**
13. What is the caste system? **The social system that divided Indian society.**
14. What are the untouchables? **the group below the caste system**
15. Name the holy / sacred writings of Hinduism. **Vedas**
16. Define the term polytheistic. **belief in more than one god**
17. What countries, in Southern & Eastern Asia primarily practice Islam? **Indonesia and Pakistan**
18. What is the holy book of Islam? **Quran**



19. Who is Siddhartha Gautama?  
the Buddha; the founder of Buddhism

20. How does dharma affect your karma? following one's dharma affects one's karma

21. What countries practice Buddhism? China, Japan, Vietnam, India, South Korea

22. What is the ultimate goal in Buddhism? to achieve nirvana (enlightenment)

23. Name the sacred/holy writings in Buddhism. Sutras

24. What is the "Golden Rule" Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Treat other people the way you want to be treated.

25. Why is Confucianism not a religion? it does not have a deity/god

26. Define philosophy. a system of ideas, knowledge and or beliefs

27. What country predominantly practices Shintoism? Japan

28. Who or what are kami? the spirits that followers of Shinto believe exists in all things around them.

29. Does Shintoism have a holy book? No

30. Does Confucianism have a holy book? No



## **Buddhism vs. Hinduism**

### **Similarities**

- Dharma is how to live life
- Karma
- Meditation
- Reincarnation
- Samsara

### **Differences**

#### Hinduism:

- Brahman is the creator god
- Cremation of bodies
- Rivers are sacred
- Most followers are in India
- Polytheistic

- Vedas
- Worship in temples
- Caste system

#### Buddhism:

- Eightfold Path
- Four Noble Truths
- Most Followers in SE Asia
- Believe in Nirvana
- Some view Buddha as a god
- Suffering leads to reincarnation
- Sutras
- Worship in Monasteries
- Believes all people are equal

