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## Chapter 5 Study Guide: Ancient India

### Sixth Grade Social Studies

#### Section 1

1. What is a subcontinent?

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2. What mountains form the northern border of India?

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3. What was the source of the Indus River?

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4. How often does India have monsoons?

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5. What language was spoken by the Arayans?

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6. Why did the Arayans stop living as nomads?

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7. What was the result of the rivers flooding?

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8. What civilization invaded the Indus Valley from the west?

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**Section 2**

9. What was the highest class in Arayan society?

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10. What was the most important idea of the caste system?

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11. How were the Sudras different from the Kshatriyas?

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12. What led to the development of Hinduism?

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13. What do Hindus call the “universal spirit?”

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14. What is the most important belief in Jainism?

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**Section 3**

15. What religion believes that suffering comes from not having what one wants?

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16. What is a missionary?

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**Section 4**

17. Who founded the Mauryan Empire?

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18. What was one effect of Asoka Maurya becoming Buddhist?

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19. What happened to Hinduism as Buddhism spread?

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20. How do we know that the Guptas supported religious beliefs other than their own?

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21. Why did the Gupta kings support the caste system?

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22. How did the Gupta priorities change when they were invaded by the Huns?

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23. Who influenced Asoka's method of ruling?

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24. What happened to Gupta society after the rule of Candra Gupta II?

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**Section 5**

25. How did Hindu temples change over time?

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26. What was the subject of most art from ancient India?

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27. The Bhagavad Gita is contained in what piece of literature?

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28. What is a stupa?

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**Short Answer**

29. In what ways did the geography of India influence the development of civilizations?

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30. What were some major accomplishments of the Gupta period?

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