India, That Is Bharat

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. “India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States” comes from:
   (a) a speech of a Mughal emperor **(b)** a newspaper headline
   (c) the national anthem **(d)** Article 1 of the Constitution of India

2. The name “India” comes from or was used by:
   (a) the Greeks, from the river Indus (Sindhu)
   (b) the Portuguese sailors only
   (c) a river in Africa
   (d) the British in 1950

3. What is the date of the Constitution coming into force?
   (a) 26 November 1949 **(b)** 1 May 1960
   (c) 15 August 1947 **(d)** 26 January 1950

4. Which of these neighbours lies to the north of India?
   (a) Bangladesh **(b)** Pakistan **(c)** Nepal **(d)** Myanmar

5. The first Republic Day was 26 January 1950. Which Republic Day (counting 1950 as the 1st) is celebrated in 2016?
   (a) 67 **(b)** 69 **(c)** 66 **(d)** 68

6. India became independent on 15 August 1947. How many years of independence does India complete on 15 August 2047?
   (a) 97 years **(b)** 101 years **(c)** 99 years **(d)** 100 years

7. Which of these countries is a neighbour of India?
   (a) Japan **(b)** Pakistan **(c)** Canada **(d)** Kenya

8. How many years had passed since the Constitution came into force (1950) by the year 2042?
   (a) 90 years **(b)** 93 years **(c)** 92 years **(d)** 95 years

Section B — Short answer 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Name three names by which our country has been known.

10. Who used each name, or where does it come from? (a) Hindustan (b) India

11. What is the date of India's independence? How many years had passed from that year to 2014?

12. In which direction from India does each country lie? (a) Bhutan (b) Bangladesh

13. The first Republic Day was celebrated in 1950. Which Republic Day (counting 1950 as the 1st) will India celebrate in 2035?

14. Kabir was born in 2005. How old was the Constitution then, in years, counting from 1950?

15. Name the direction from India of Bhutan and of Bangladesh, and say whether each shares a land border or is across the sea.

16. In which year will the Constitution of India complete 105 years since it came into force?

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Trace how the names "Hindustan" and "India" developed from the river Sindhu.

18. (a) How many years had passed from Independence (1947) to the Constitution coming into force (1950)? (b) In 2048, how many years old is the Republic? (c) Why is 26 January celebrated as Republic Day?

19. Match each with its origin or users: (a) Yintu (b) India (c) Hindustan. Choose from: Chinese travellers who visited India; the Greeks, from the river Indus (Sindhu); Persian-speaking travellers and rulers.

20. On an outline map of India, mark Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Write the direction of each from India.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	(d) Article 1 of the Constitution of India	—
2	(a) the Greeks, from the river Indus (Sindhu)	—
3	(d) 26 January 1950	—
4	(c) Nepal	—
5	(a) 67	2016 − 1950 + 1 = 67
6	(d) 100 years	2047 − 1947 = 100
7	(b) Pakistan	—
8	(c) 92 years	2042 − 1950
9	Bharat, India and Hindustan (Chinese travellers also called it Yintu).	—
10	(a) Persian-speaking travellers and rulers (b) the Greeks, from the river Indus (Sindhu)	—
11	15 August 1947; 67 years	2014 − 1947
12	(a) north (b) east	—
13	the 86th Republic Day	2035 − 1950 + 1 = 86
14	55 years	2005 − 1950
15	Bhutan: north, land border; Bangladesh: east, land border	—
16	2055	1950 + 105
17	Persians pronounced “Sindhu” as “Hind” and called the land Hindustan. The Greeks took this as “Indos” and called the land beyond the river India. The names spread through travellers and later rulers.	—
18	(a) 3 years (b) 98 years (c) Because the Constitution came into force on 26 January 1950, making India a republic.	—
19	(a) Chinese travellers who visited India (b) the Greeks, from the river Indus (Sindhu) (c) Persian-speaking travellers and rulers	—
20	Bangladesh: east; Sri Lanka: south; Pakistan: west	—

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