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Answer the following questions.

- 1) What does the Indian national flag represent?
- 2) Why does the flag have a wheel of law in its centre?
- 3) What is the national flower of India?
- 4) Which animal represents the purity of the holy Ganges River?
- 5) Why is the Ganges the most important river in India?
- 6) What appears on all Indian currency and passports and is also a part of the official Government letterhead?
- 7) What is the national game of India?

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Answer the following questions.

- 1) Who was Rabindranath Tagore?
- 2) What did he win in 1913?
- 3) Did he support colonialism?
- 4) Who was his devoted friend?
- 5) When was he knighted by the ruling British Government?
- 6) Why did he renounce the honour?
- 7) Who is Gandhi?
- 8) What did he do?
- 9) What title did people give him?
- 10) Who was Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay?
- 11) What Indian song did he compose?

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Answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the population of India?
- 2) What is the capital of India?
- 3) How many official languages are there in India?
- 4) What system of government is there in India?
- 5) What are the national holidays of India?
- 6) Where is India located?
- 7) Which large bodies of water surround India?
- 8) Which countries share a border with India?

- 9) What is India's landscape like?
- 10) Which are the main rivers of India?
- 11) Is the climate mild?
- 12) Is India characterised by biodiversity?
- 13) What is an important part of the Indian people's beliefs?
- 14) Which animals are sacred and are allowed to wander through city streets?

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Answer the following questions.

- 1) Where did the earliest civilisation develop in 2500 B.C.?
- 2) What happened in 1500 B.C.?
- 3) When did the ancient Indian civilisation reach its height?
- 4) Who was the first European explorer to reach India?
- 5) Why did some European powers establish trading posts in India in the 16th and 17th centuries?
- 6) When did the Mughal Empire rule over India?
- 7) What did the East India Company do in the 18th and mid-19th centuries?
- 8) What happened in 1858?
- 9) What was India for the British Empire?
- 10) Why was the Indian National Congress created in 1885?
- 11) When did the movement for independence from Britain gain ground?
- 12) Who led millions of Indians in various non-violent campaigns of civil disobedience?
- 13) Why is the 15th August, 1947 a very important date?
- 14) How many countries is India divided into?
- 15) What is India like today?