**Ancient India**

**Vocabulary Builder**

**Section 5**

**DIRECTIONS** Write a word or phrase that has the same meaning as the term given.

1. alloy ________________________________

2. astronomy __________________________

3. Hindu-Arabic numerals ________________________

4. inoculation __________________________

5. metallurgy __________________________

**DIRECTIONS** Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

6. Identifying seven of the nine planets in our solar system is one accomplishment India made in the field of ______________.
   (astronomy/metallurgy)

7. Indian doctors knew how to protect people against disease through _______________. (alloy/inoculation)

8. Ancient Indians were masters of _______________ and knew processes for mixing metals to create an _______________.
   (astronomy/metallurgy); (alloy/inoculation)

9. The ________________, which means “Song of the Lord,” is one of Hinduism’s most sacred texts. (*Bhagavad Gita*/Hindu-Arabic numerals)

10. The numbers we use today are called _______________ because they were created by Indian scholars and brought to Europe by the Arabs.
    (*Bhagavad Gita*/Hindu-Arabic numerals)
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Section 1

1. seasonal wind patterns that cause wet and dry seasons
2. the most important language of ancient India
3. a large landmass that is smaller than a continent
4. Harappan civilization
5. Vedas
6. Himalayas
7. raja
8. Aryans; Harappan civilization
9. Sanskrit; Aryans
10. subcontinent
11. monsoon

Section 2

1. true
2. false—The caste system divided the Indian society into groups based on rank, wealth, or occupation.
3. false—Jainism was based on four major principles: injure no life, tell the truth, do not steal, and own no property.
4. true
5. true
6. true
7. true
8. false—Jainism was based on the teaching of a man named Mahavira.
9. false—Hindus believe that a person’s ultimate goal should be to reunite their soul with Brahman, the universal spirit.

Section 3

1. If people can overcome their desire and ignorance, they can reach nirvana, which is a state of perfect peace.
2. Siddhartha used fasting, going without food, and meditation, focusing of the mind on spiritual ideas, to free his mind from daily concerns.
3. The king sent Buddhist missionaries, people who work to spread their religious beliefs, to other kingdoms in Asia.
4. The Buddha is the term that means the “Enlightened One.”
5. Buddhism is the religion based on the teachings of the Buddha.
6. false—nirvana
7. true
8. false—missionaries

Section 4

1. Candra Gupta II
2. Asoka
3. Candragupta Maurya
4. Huns
5. Gupta Dynasty

Section 5

1. a mixture of two of more metals
2. the study of stars and planets
3. numbers we use today
4. injecting a person with a small dose of a virus to help him/her build up defenses to a disease
5. the science of working with metals
6. astronomy
7. inoculation
8. Metallurgy; alloy
9. Bhagavad Gita
10. Hindu-Arabic numerals