SOUTH ASIA – TOP 10 NOTES Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Mountains

* Himalayas
  + More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles long & hundreds of miles wide
  + Mount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – world’s highest peak at 29,028 feet
  + Nearly 2 dozen peaks each rising 24,000 feet or above
* Karakoram Mountains – along with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ create a barrier between the Indian subcontinent & the rest of Asia, home of the 2nd highest peak in the world – K2
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mountains – central India
* Eastern Ghats & Western Ghats – Deccan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. River Systems

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ play a key role in supporting life in South Asia
* 3 Great River Systems:
  + The Indus – flows through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and empties into the Arabian Sea
  + The Brahmaputra
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - These 2 flow east & eventually join to form a broad delta along the Bay of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Ganges River – A Sacred River
  + Provides water for drinking, farming, & transportation
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ significance
  + According to Hindu beliefs, the Ganges brings life to its people, they worship the river as a goddess, & believe water has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ powers
  + In some places wide stone steps lead down to the river
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ come from all parts of the world to drink & bathe in its waters
  + Also scatter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of deceased family members on the river
* The Ganges – Pure??
  + One of the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rivers in the world
  + Millions of gallons of raw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and waste flow into the river everyday
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of dead animals and even human corpses can be seen floating in the water
  + Water is poisoned by toxic chemicals & deadly bacteria
  + Thousands who bathe or drink become ill with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, typhoid, & cholera
  + 1986, Govt. tried to restore the health of the river, but progress has been slow
  + Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believe that water is too holy to be harmed by pollution

3. Monsoons

* Seasonal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ greatly affect the climate of South Asia
* October – May, the winter winds blow from the north and northeast and are dry
* As summer nears, temps gradually rise. The heated air also rises, which triggers a change in the wind direction.
* June – September, winds blow from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean in the south & southwest, carrying warm, moist air
* Heavy rains provide the region with the largest portion of its yearly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Rainfall is heaviest in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ part - some spots average 450 inches of rain a year
* The rainfall is crucial to the millions that live in the region.
* They wait & watch for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crossing the subcontinent
* The growing season is dependent on the monsoon rains.
* However, the monsoons often cause disastrous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that ruin crops & kill livestock & people.

4. Population

* Approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people live in South Asia
* Population density – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people per sq. mile
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times the world average
* If the rate of growth continues, the population could double in 40 years
* India – ½ the size of the continental U.S. with more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people
* Bangladesh – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people per square mile
  + Causes serious problems such as not enough food to feed all the people.

5. Urbanization

* % of South Asians living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ areas is relatively low (15-28%)
* Many are migrating to urban areas in search of better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & higher wages
* Cities are becoming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Strain on public facilities such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & hospitals
* Largest Cities in South Asia
  + Calcutta, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Mumbai (Bombay), India
  + Delhi, India
  + Dhaka, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Islamabad, Pakistan

6. Caste System

* According to Hindu belief, each person is born into a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & has a certain moral duty, known as dharma, that is specific to that caste
* A person can move into a different caste only through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* While the system brought social order, it also caused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & limited people’s ability to improve their lot in life

7. Religion - Hinduism

* Grew out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ culture & incorporated the caste system
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religion – recognize many gods & goddess
* A way of life & a set of beliefs
* Every individual must live according to his or her own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or moral duty
* All good actions are rewarded and bad deeds are punished according to the law of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Reincarnation – people are reborn repeatedly until they have overcome all their weaknesses & earthly desires
* At that point, they are released from the cycle of rebirth and reach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a state of changeless bliss
* Hinduism sees all of the world’s religions as different paths toward the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Religion - Buddhism

* Approximately 563 BCE, in present-day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a prince was born – Siddhartha Gautama
* He had everything he could want, but because of his awareness of human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he went on a pilgrimage
* After years of spiritual searching & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he perceived the true nature of human existence for the 1st time
* He became known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or the Awakened One
* Buddha spent the rest of his life trying to teach people they are suffering because they are overly attached to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things
* To escape the chain of desire & suffering which leads to endless rebirth, one must live by certain rules
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religious rituals
* By following Buddha’s guidelines, people could enter a state of great insight, calm, & happiness called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Today’s Governments

* Current governments in South Asia include \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – federal parliamentary republic
* Sri Lanka & Bangladesh – parliamentary systems
* Pakistan – president elected indirectly by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Bhutan & Nepal – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ monarchies

10. Struggling Economies

* Large, rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* ½ of the people of India live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Bangladesh – one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ countries in the world
* Most rely on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ farming to make a living in India, Bangladesh, & Pakistan
* Struggle to grow enough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to feed their families