

Chapter 15: India and the Indian Ocean Basin Reading Questions

Introduction of Islam to Northern India – p. 307

1. Where was Sind? What Muslim dynasty conquered it?
2. How did Islam spread through the rest of India under the Abbasids?
3. How did Mahmud assist the decline of Buddhism in India?
4. Read the caption on p. 308. Mahmud is a good example of the relationship between the Abbasids and the rest of dar al-Islam. Briefly describe Mahmud's relationship with the Abbasid caliph.
5. Refer to the text and the map on p. 307. Where was the Delhi Sultanate?
6. Although the Delhi Sultanate ruled a large territory, they were not incredibly strong. How did the Delhi Sultanate attempt to rule over their lands?

The Hindu Kingdoms of Southern India – p. 309

7. The Chola in southern India did not want to be incredibly powerful. What did they seek instead?
8. How was the kingdom of Vijayanagar founded?

Production and Trade in the Indian Ocean Basin – p. 310

9. The monsoons work like this: Warm winds blow from the south in the _____ seasons, bringing rain; in the _____ seasons, cool and very dry winds blow from the northeast.
10. Southern India was an arid, riverless land that was subsequently unable to support large-scale irrigation. What did the people there do instead?

Trade and Economic Development of Southern India – p. 311

11. List the roles that Hindu temples played in Indian society. (list at least 4)

Cross-Cultural Trade in the Indian Ocean Basin – p. 312

12. During what Chinese dynasty did junks begin plying the Indian Ocean?
13. As Indian Ocean Trade became more regular, Indian artisans began to engage in specialized production of commodities. List the commodities they produced (your book lists 6; name at least 4).
14. Axum was the primary link between Egypt and the rest of Africa due to its location. Where was Axum located?
15. The nation of Axum adopted what religion?
16. What other nation/religion challenged Axum regularly?

The Development of Hinduism – p. 317

17. Invasions and subsequent pillaging by _____ (who) led to the decline of Buddhism.
18. What were devotional cults, and what gods were most popular in this cults?

Islam and Its Appeal – p. 318

19. Why did many lower caste individual find Islam appealing? Did conversion give them what they wanted?

The Influence of Indian Society in Southeast Asia – p. 320

20. In what ways do the temples at Angkor reflect Indian influences?