

Section 1.1 Key Terms

Directions: Write definitions for each key term using the questions as a guide.

1. **Hindu Kush**
What two regions are separated by the Hindu Kush?
2. **Khyber Pass**
What people entered the Indus River Valley through Khyber Pass?
3. **Himalayas**
How did the Himalayas affect climate?
4. **Indo-Gangetic Plain**
What made these plains so fertile?
5. **Indus River**
What neighboring river flow parallel to the Indus River?
6. **Ganges River**
Who began extensive settlement of the Ganges River?
7. **Deccan Plateau**
When was the Deccan Plateau first extensively settled?
8. **monsoons**
What two monsoons affect India every year?
9. **silt**
Why was silt important for civilization?
10. **Harappa** and **Mohenjo-Daro**
Why are these cities considered impressive?
11. **urban planning**
Extensive urban planning suggests the existence of what in Harappan settlements?
12. **infrastructure**
What kind of infrastructure was unique to Harappan settlements?

13. **fortification**
What settlements in the Indus Valley boasted fortifications?
14. **The Great Bath**
Was the Great Bath the only public bathhouse in the Indus Valley?
15. **bronze**
What made bronze so expensive?
16. **potter's wheel**
What related invention came after the potter's wheel?
17. **Harappan seals**
In addition to the images of animals and people, what is present on Harappan seals?
18. **transregional trade**
What neighboring civilization is believed to have traded with the Harappans?
19. **Caucasus Mountains**
Where is the mountain range located?
20. **Aryans**
How long did it take the Aryans to spread throughout India?
21. **language family**
What are some languages in the Indo-European language family?
22. **Sanskrit**
What purpose did Sanskrit fulfill?
23. **irrigation**
Why were irrigation systems developed?
24. **raja**
Over time what did the raja do in India?