DISCOVER INDIA - KEY

1. Name the main rivers in India : **Ganges, Indus**

2. How high do the peaks of the Himalayas get? **over 8,000 meters**

3. What type of landscape dominates the southern part of India ? **plateau, small mountain ranges**

4. Describe how summer monsoon winds work ? **winds blow from the Indian Ocean and bring a lot of rainfall**

5. What happens when the monsoon comes late or not at all ? **shortage of crops and food**

6. What happens during the winter months ? **winds change direction, they blow from inner parts of Asia, no rainfall, very dry**

7. What religion do most people in India have ? **Hindu**

8. How many people live in India ? What will happen in the near future ? **1.3 billion, India is already the most populous nation**

9. What are the problems of larger cities ? **overpopulation, pollution, traffic problems**

10. Name a few Indian cities: **Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore**

11. Which people are at the top of the caste system and who is in the lowest caste ? **at the top are priests (Brahmins) , at the bottom peasants, servants, farmers**

12. What are untouchables ? **homeless people outside the caste system**

13. Where did the first civilization on the subcontinent develop ? **Indus valley**

14. Who were the Mughals ? **powerful group of Muslims who ruled India at about 1500**

15. What functions did the British East India Company have ? **controlled trade and governed India**

16. Who was the leading figure of India's independence movement? **Mahatma Gandhi**

17. When did India get its independence ? **1947**

18. What happened to the subcontinent after World War II ? **the subcontinent was divided into India and Pakistan**

19. In which sector of the economy do most Indians work ? **agriculture, farming**

20. Name a few farming products : **corn, rice, wheat, sorghum, sugar cane, cotton**

21. What happened in Bhopal in 1984 ? **disaster at a chemical plant killed 20,000 people**

22. Who built India's railway system ? **the British**

23. Where does most of India's energy come from ? **fossil fuels, nuclear power stations**