Unit 4: South Asia Study Guide

**Directions**: Answer each question/statement as you prepare for the unit test.

1. Where are the Himalayas located? How did they form? What is the significance of the Himalayas (compared with other mountains around the world)?
2. What is the significance of Mt. Everest? In which mountain range is it located?
3. Define: Subcontinent
4. Define Sherpa. Which mountain range are Sherpa’s connected with?
5. Name the three great rivers comprising the region of South Asia.
6. What is the holy river in India? What is special about it? What are the problems associated with the river and why hasn’t anything been done to solve these problems?
7. What river is a vital water source in Pakistan? Which civilization began around this river?
8. What was unique about the cities in this ancient civilization?
9. Explain the importance of rivers and farming within South Asia (think alluvial plain).
10. Define monsoon. Compare winter monsoons to summer monsoons (explain each).
11. Why are earthquakes common throughout South Asia?
12. Name the natural resources found in Sri Lanka.
13. What is the period of British rule in India called?
14. Why is India referred to as Britain’s “Jewel in the Crown”?
15. What British restrictions were in place throughout India?
16. How did British imperialism negatively and positively impact India?
17. Explain the formation of India and Pakistan. Why was India partitioned (divided) into two nations? Name the two groups that occupied each. What was the purpose in dividing the groups this way (for the British)?
18. Detail the violence that resulted between the groups due to this division.
19. Explain the Rowlatt Acts and the response to it (Amritsar Massacre).
20. Explain the method Gandhi used to assist with India’s independence (be able to provide examples).
21. What was the Salt March? What was it in response to? Explain the outcome of the Salt March.
22. Identify Jawaharlal Nehru. What was his role in India?
23. Explain the importance of the East Punjab to India. What were the Sikhs demanding for the region?
24. Explain the formation of Bangladesh. What caused the new country to form? How did the differences between West Pakistan and East Pakistan amplify the movement for independence?
25. Where is the Kashmir Region? Explain the significance of the region.
26. What is the issue in the Kashmir?
27. Which nation throughout South Asia has the greatest population density? (make sure you can define population density)
28. What are modern day problems affecting South Asia?
29. What are some of India’s most common sports?
30. Identify cultural traits associated with India.
31. Explain the Green Revolution and its significance.
32. Be able to explain Buddhism and Hinduism. What are commonalities and differences between them?
33. Identify and explain nirvana vs. moksha.
34. What is the significance of the caste system (to which religion)? Be able to name each level of the caste system and the individuals comprising the level.
35. Review your hot terms!!!