

Test Prep

Know the News: A Tale of Two Indias

Read the article on pp. 12-15, then answer the questions.

- Which is a central idea of the article?
 - Ⓐ About half of India's population is younger than 25.
 - Ⓑ India's economy is booming, but many people there continue to live in poverty.
 - Ⓒ By the end of 2018, India's economy is predicted to be the fifth-largest in the world.
 - Ⓓ The caste system divides Hindus into five main groups, based on their family's traditional occupation.
- Which best describes the structure of the article's first section?
 - Ⓐ cause and effect
 - Ⓑ chronological
 - Ⓒ compare/contrast
 - Ⓓ problem/solution
- Which of the following statements does *not* support the claim that many Indians are struggling to escape poverty?
 - Ⓐ "About 20 percent of the population still lives on less than \$2 a day."
 - Ⓑ "About half of Indians in rural villages lack toilets."
 - Ⓒ "About 25 percent of Indians can't read."
 - Ⓓ "India has the world's second-largest population."
- From which country did India gain independence in 1947?
 - Ⓐ Great Britain
 - Ⓑ Pakistan
 - Ⓒ Bangladesh
 - Ⓓ China
- Which of these statements is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ India has the world's second-largest population and is the largest democracy.
 - Ⓑ Sushmita's parents and sister sleep on the floor.
 - Ⓒ The caste system is India's greatest obstacle to economic growth.
 - Ⓓ Many rural villagers in India lack toilets.
- Which of the following is an effect of India's booming economy?
 - Ⓐ the growth of the middle class
 - Ⓑ fewer people with access to electricity
 - Ⓒ caste discrimination
 - Ⓓ more economic regulations
- What does *hampered* mean in the following sentence? "India's progress is also hampered by its caste system, a traditional social hierarchy that dates back to the ancient origins of Hinduism, the country's majority religion."
 - Ⓐ supported
 - Ⓑ held back
 - Ⓒ improved
 - Ⓓ dismissed
- How does the section "Progress and Problems" contribute to the article?
 - Ⓐ It states the importance of education in India, including going to college.
 - Ⓑ It explains the impact of the caste system on Indian society.
 - Ⓒ It describes what life was like in India before it became an independent country.
 - Ⓓ It provides background information on what led to the growth of India's economy.
- Which of the following best describes the tone of the article's last section?
 - Ⓐ encouraging
 - Ⓑ pessimistic
 - Ⓒ funny
 - Ⓓ sad
- Which of the following statements can be supported by information in the article?
 - Ⓐ It's impossible for low-caste Indians to move up the economic ladder.
 - Ⓑ Access to technology, including computers and smartphones, isn't helpful at all in India.
 - Ⓒ Being able to speak English fluently is useful in India.
 - Ⓓ Few Indians are moving to cities in search of better lives.