Geography of India Assignment

Social Studies 8 (pages 340-341)

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For our unit on India, complete the following map assignment using Figure 11-1 on page 341 and answer the questions that follow

**PART A: MAP (25 points)**

1. On the map provided, **LIGHTLY** colour the following countries as specified (5 points)
   1. India – yellow
   2. Sri Lanka – red
   3. Pakistan – light green
   4. Bangladesh – orange
   5. China – red
   6. Myanmar – darker green
   7. Afghanistan – purple
   8. Bhutan – pink
   9. Nepal – brown
2. On your map, label the following land features in black: Great Indian Desert, Vindya Mountains, Western Ghats, Esastern Ghats, Northern Plains, Hindu Kush Mountains, Himalaya Mountains Northern Plains, Deccan Plateau (5 points)
3. On your map, draw (for rivers only) and label the following hydrographic features in blue: Ganges River, Indus River, Brahmaputra River, Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea, Arabian Sea (5 points)
4. On your map, label (in black)the capital cities of each of the nine country listed under question 1 (accurately placed) and the cities of Bombay and Madras (5 points) \*\*\*Use the internet or an atlas
5. Overall neatness of your map (5 points)

**PART B: Questions (21 points)**

Questions (use your text book – pages 340-341) and the internet

* 1. What was the former name for Myanmar? (1 point)
  2. Briefly describe one current event in each of the nine countries listed above. (5 points)
* India
* Sri Lanka
* Pakistan
* Bangladesh
* China
* Myanmar
* Afghanistan
* Bhutan
* Nepal
  1. India is part of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss. (1 point)
  2. Based on the map you have created, do you think India would have been more or less susceptible to invasion than China given its geography? (2 points)
  3. From your readings and research, determine the area occupied by present-day India and the area occupied by present-day China. Which is physically larger? (2 points)
  4. Research the populations of present-day India and China. Which country is more densely populated (population density = area divided by the population). (2 points)
  5. Why was India rarely threatened by invaders from the sea until the fifteenth century? Explain. (2 points)
  6. Was India ever controlled by one empire? Discuss. (2 points)
  7. What is the Indian subcontinent’s richest agricultural area? List two ways this area is similar to the Huang He river valley? (2 points)
  8. What are the islands off the Southeast coast of India called? What would be some of the highlights of travelling there? (2 points)