

7. Art and Craft

1. Read the clues and fill in.

[kalamkari meenakari bidri zardozi calligraphy filigree pietra dura ganjifa thangka]

- a. The art of producing beautiful decorative handwriting or lettering
- b. Silver inlay on objects made of a dark-coloured alloy metal; started in Bidar in the Deccan
- c. The art of using a bamboo pen to draw and colour motifs on cloth
- d. The art of coating metal objects with coloured glazes to create designs
- e. Embroidery with gold and silver thread, and sometimes pearls and precious stones
- f. A kind of lacelike metalwork using threads and beads of metal
- g. A kind of inlay work using polished pieces of coloured stones to create designs
- h. A picture of a Buddhist deity or ritual symbol made by painting, stitching or block printing
- i. A game played with hand-crafted cards; each set of 12 cards is based on a theme, e.g. the zodiac.

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2. Write the name of an Indian state where the art object is produced.

[Bihar Gujarat Himachal Pradesh Jammu and Kashmir Karnataka Odisha]



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13. Mythical Beings

Complete the names of these mythical creatures.



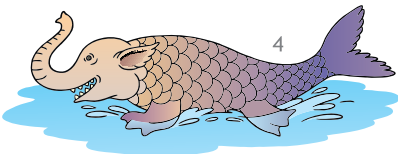
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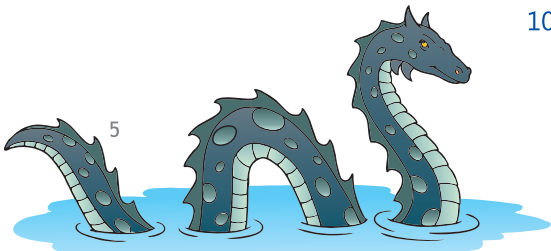
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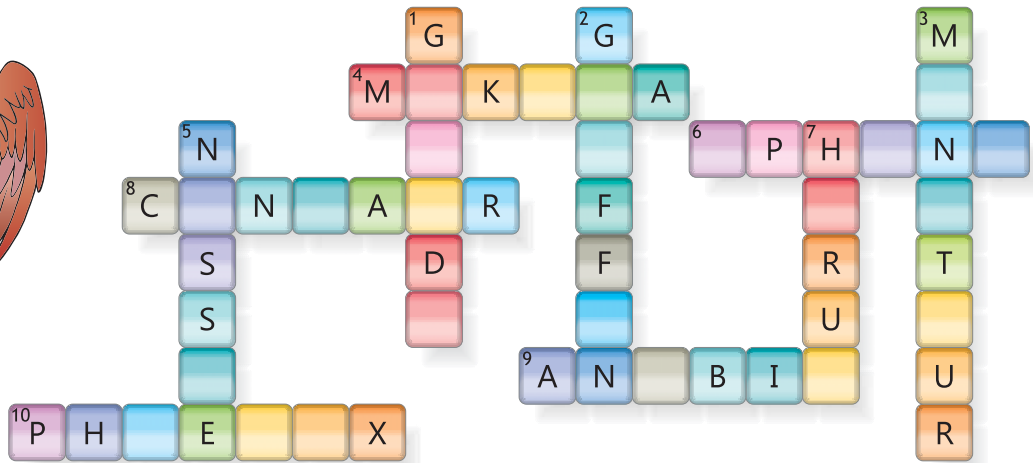
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Clues

1. Man's body but beak and wings of an eagle; Hindu and Buddhist mythology
2. Lion's body, tail and hind legs; head and wings of an eagle
3. Monster with bull's head and man's body; lived in Crete, in a maze called the Labyrinth
4. Usually a crocodile or an elephant with the tail of a fish or seal or peacock; common in Hindu temple sculpture
5. Nickname for a large aquatic monster believed to live in Loch Ness, a lake in Scotland
6. Body of a sitting lion, winged or wingless; head usually human but ram head also known; a monster in Greece but holy in Egypt
7. Falcon-headed Egyptian god associated with the sun
8. Man's body up to the waist joined with the body and legs of a horse; Greek mythology
9. Jackal-headed Egyptian god associated with tombs
10. A long-lived bird linked with the sun; believed to be reborn from the ashes of its predecessor



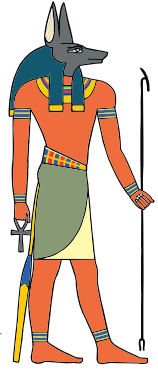
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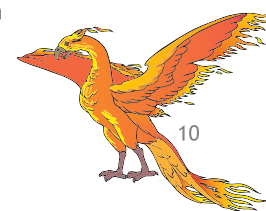
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27. The North-Eastern States



The Nohkalikai Falls in Meghalaya—India's tallest plunge (single-drop) waterfalls



Mizoram grows anthuriums for the domestic and global markets.



Ujjayanta Palace in Agartala



Cheraw dance



The endangered sangai deer has divided hooves to help it move on its floating habitat.

The **Seven Sister States**—Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura—and the Himalayan state of Sikkim are the north-eastern states of India. These states lie in a region of mountains, hills, valleys, lakes, waterfalls, forests and tea gardens. The region is a **biodiversity hotspot**, as it has a huge variety of plants and animals many of which are not found anywhere else. The region is also home to numerous tribes, their varied culture, beautiful handicrafts and colourful dances and festivals.

1. Tick the correct option or options.

- The Seven Sister States form a compact geographical unit. Which country almost cuts off the region from the rest of India?
a. Nepal b. Bhutan c. Bangladesh d. China
- Which of the following countries share borders with the Seven Sister States?
a. China b. Nepal c. Bhutan d. Myanmar
- Which of the following mountain passes connect Sikkim with Tibet?
a. Nathu La b. Jelep La c. Donkia La d. Sela Pass
- Mawsynram in the Khasi Hills is considered the wettest place in the world. In which state is it located?
a. Assam b. Meghalaya c. Mizoram d. Manipur
- The mighty Brahmaputra is one of the few Indian rivers to have a male name. Through which states does it flow?
a. Sikkim b. Assam c. Tripura d. Arunachal Pradesh
- The Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest peak, is on Sikkim's border with
a. China b. Bhutan c. Nepal d. West Bengal
- Meghalaya's major hill ranges are named after important tribes of the state. These tribes are the
a. Khasi b. Garo c. Jaintia d. Chakma
- A national park on Loktak Lake in Manipur has floating islands of decaying organic matter. These islands called **phumdis** are home to the sangai deer. This 'floating national park', the only one of its kind in the world, is called
a. Manas b. Namdapha c. Nokrek d. Keibul Lamjao
- In which state is the Cheraw dance popular?
a. Tripura b. Mizoram c. Nagaland d. Manipur

31. Australia and Her Neighbours



Ayers Rock



Wallaby—similar to but smaller than a kangaroo



Wombat—a marsupial

Australia is the world's smallest continent and the sixth largest country. It has an amazing landscape of deserts, rainforests, beautiful beaches and ancient rock formations. Its unique wildlife includes the koala, kangaroo, wallaby, emu, kookaburra and platypus. Australia is part of **Oceania**, a region that includes New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the small islands of the South Pacific Ocean lying in the subregions **Melanesia**, **Micronesia** and **Polynesia**.

1. Choose the correct option.

- The vast dry and remote areas in Central Australia are popularly called the
 - outback
 - bush
 - creek
- The capital of Western Australia, the largest state in Australia, is
 - Sydney
 - Melbourne
 - Perth
- Which of these cities is situated in the geographic centre of Australia?
 - Alice Springs
 - Canberra
 - Adelaide
- Name the British explorer who reached south-eastern Australia in 1770 and named it New South Wales.
 - Admiral Nelson
 - Charles Darwin
 - Captain James Cook
- Australia is home to the largest structure built by living organisms. It is the
 - Ayers Rock
 - Great Barrier Reef
 - Sydney Harbour
- Ayers Rock in Central Australia is said to be about 600 million years old. The traditional Aboriginal name of this rock formation is
 - Uluru
 - Kata Tjuta
 - Wollongong

2. Tick the correct option.

- Australia is the [driest / wettest] inhabited continent.
- Australia Day is celebrated on [4 July / 26 January].
- The hottest months in Australia are [January-February / October-November].
- The most famous beach in Sydney is called [Whitehaven / Bondi Beach].
- Koalas eat [grasses / eucalyptus leaves], which provide them with water too.
- The [possum / Tasmanian devil] is Australia's largest living carnivorous marsupial.
- Kangaroos are native to Australia, but tree kangaroos are also found in [New Guinea / New Zealand].
- The [Royal Flying Doctor Service / Doctor on Wheels] provides health care in remote areas of Australia.



Emus and kangaroos do not walk backward. It is for this reason that they are on the Australian coat of arms.

44. Natural Monuments

Write the names of these wonderful natural formations.

[Great Blue Hole Wave Rock Devil's Tower Giant's Causeway Morning Glory Pool Kilauea Fairy Chimneys Sugarloaf Mountain]

1. • This rock formation is made of multicoloured granite.
 - It forms one side of a hill called **Hyden Rock** in Australia.
 - It has cultural significance to the Aborigines.
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2. • This is one of the large hills bordering the harbour of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.
 - It was named by 16th-century Portuguese traders after an item of trade which was shaped like the hill.
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Before granulated sugar and cube sugar, sugar was sold as a sugarloaf.

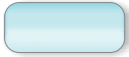







3. • This is a huge depression on the sea floor.
 - It is located off the coast of Belize in Central America.
 - It is a great place for scuba diving, as it is home to corals and many other kinds of marine creatures.
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4. • This is a hot spring in the Yellowstone National Park in the USA.
 - It gets its colour from the bacteria that live in it.
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53. Quiz 5

1. True or false?

- a. Marmalade is made from the pulp of citrus fruit. 
- b. German silver is a copper alloy that has no silver. 
- c. Nanotechnology deals with small cars such as the Tata Nano. 
- d. Wiki (as in Wikipedia) means a website that is editable by users. 
- e. The name orang-utan comes from Malay and means 'the man of the forest'. 
- f. The cacao tree's scientific name has the word Theobroma, meaning food of the gods. 
- g. The name Google is the misspelt name of the number googol (1 followed by 100 zeroes). 
- h. 'Pokémon' is derived from the Japanese words Poketto Monsutā, meaning pocket monsters. 

2. Fill in. The last letter of a word is the first letter of the next one.

1. A subatomic particle that carries negative charge



2. A place famous for oranges



3. Currency of Malaysia



4. A grilled Japanese dish



5. Cooking salt should have this



6. River in West Asia



7. The upper house of the US legislature; the governing body of a university



8. A skin disease that makes patches of skin rough and itchy



9. The Ellora Caves are near this city



10. The Grand Old Man of India: _____ Naoroji

