Worksheet

Our Rich Culture

Question 1: Circle the correct words.

- The stupa at Sanchi was built by **<u>Emperor Ashoka</u>** / Akbar.
- Dances performed on festivals are called classical / <u>folk dances</u>.
- <u>Hindi</u> / Telugu is the official language of India.

Tips:

- The Great Stupa at Sanchi, India. The Great Stupa (also called stupa no. 1) was originally built in the 3rd century bce by the Mauryan emperor Ashoka and is believed to house ashes of the Buddha.
- A folk dance is a dance developed by people that reflects the life of the people of a certain country or region.
- Hindi became the official language of the Union of India in 1950.

Question 2: Match the columns.

1. Sonal Mansingh	a. West Bengal
2. Shankar Mahadevan	b. Painter
 Anjolie Ela Menon 	c. Classical dancer
4. Terracotta horses	d. Gujarat
5. Rann Utsav	e. Carnatic classical singer

Question 3: Write two examples of the following.

- Harvest festivals Makar Sankranti, Pongal
- Modern monuments <u>Red Fort, Delhi</u>, <u>Qutub Minar, Delhi</u>.
- Classical dancers <u>Rukmini Devi Arundale Bharatanatyam</u>, <u>Pandit Birju</u> <u>Maharaj- Kathak</u>

Tips:

• The 28 states of India celebrated its own Harvest festival at various times throughout the year. Major Harvest festivals in India are Makar Sankranti which is also known as Pongal, Uttarayana, Lohri, Poush Parbon and Bhogali Bihu.

Question 4: Answer these questions.

What are handicrafts?

Answer : Handicraft is an art, craft, or trade in which the skilled use of one's hands is required.

Write the names of three monuments built by the British.

Answer : Monuments built by the British were: India Gate, Delhi. The Parliament House, Delhi. Rashtrapati Bhawan.

What dresses do Indian women and men wear?

Answer : History Of Fashion In India. Garments worn in India have evolved over time. Some of the Indian dresses are:

Women: The Indian Saree is a traditional dress for Indian women, Lehenga Choli, Salwar Kameez And Churidar.

Men: Panche or Lungi, Dhoti, kurta.

What are cave paintings? What do the paintings at Ajanta caves show?

Answer : A set of 29 caves, Ajanta is among the finest examples of some of the earliest Buddhist architecture, cave paintings and sculptures. The caves also present paintings depicting the past lives and rebirths of the Buddha, pictorial tales from Aryasura's Jatakamala, and rock-cut sculptures of Buddhist deities.

Question 5: Think and Answer.

Why are people happy at the time of harvesting?

Answer : Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food grown on the land. Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them. This makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate.