18. India—The National Symbols



(A) Answer the following questions.

1. What does the Chakra on the national flag stand for?

- 2. Who wrote the national song? Name the book in which it was written.
- 3. Rabindranath Tagore wrote the songs that are the national anthems of three countries. Which are the other two?
- 4. How do we show our respect for the national flag?

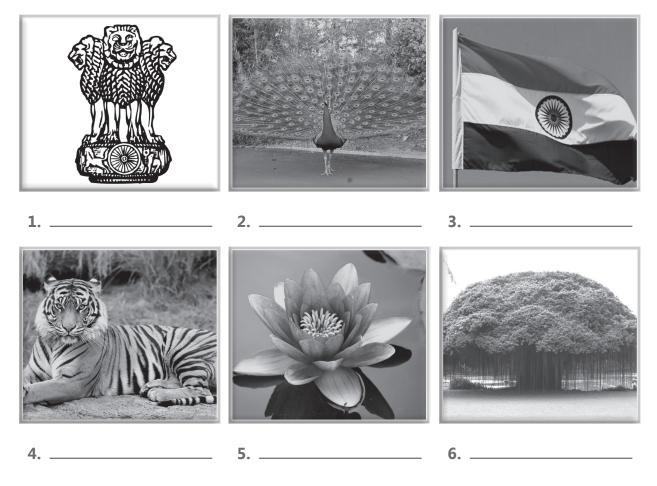
Answers to Worksheet I

- 1. The navy blue Chakra or wheel with 24 spokes in the national flag stands for the 24 hours of the day and reflects motion and progress.
- 2. 'Vande Mataram' was written in the book 'Anand Math' by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee.
- 3. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
- 4. We show our respect for the national flag by following the rules for its use. The saffron must be on top. It must never be hoisted after sunset. It should be unfurled at the top of a mast. It should be carried in front of a procession and always on the right shoulder. It must never be dirty or torn. We must stand to attention and salute it when it is unfurled.





See the following pictures and say what each one is:



Answers to Worksheet 2

- 1. The National Emblem
- 2. The National Bird
- 3. The National Flag
- 4. The National Animal
- 5. The National Flower
- 6. The National Tree

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