

11. Mumbai—The Gateway of India

Worksheet 1

A Tick (✓) the correct options.

- The climate of Mumbai is influenced by the _____.
(a) Indian Ocean (b) the Bay of Bengal (c) the Arabian Sea
- The _____ in the city are looked after by the Mumbai Municipal Corporation.
(a) bus services (b) public services (c) construction works
- The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya was formerly called the _____ Museum.
(a) Prince of Wales (b) Queen Victoria (c) Prince Albert
- Off the western coast of India, _____ was found under the seabed.
(a) gold (b) petroleum (c) diamonds
- The most important landmark of Mumbai is the _____.
(a) Chowpatty Beach (b) Gateway of India (c) Taj Mahal Hotel

B Answer the following questions.

- How did Mumbai originate as a city?
- Why is Mumbai important today?
- What are the main festivals celebrated in Mumbai?
- Write a note on the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya.
- Name three educational and research institutions in Mumbai.

Answers to Worksheet 1

A. 1. c 2. b 3. a 4. b 5. b

- B. 1. Earlier there were seven fishing islands where Koli fishermen lived. Their patron goddess was Mumba Devi. The British connected the islands and developed the city of Mumbai. Called Bombay by the British, the present name is derived from Mumba Devi.
2. Mumbai is the capital of Maharashtra and all the state government offices are located here. It is now an important centre of trade, commerce and industry. Off-shore drilling for petroleum and the film and TV industry are also very important in the city. It is the busiest seaport of India.
3. The main festivals are Diwali and Ganesh Chaturthi and for the Parsis, Navroz.
4. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya was earlier known as the Prince of Wales Museum. It is an art and history museum with a collection of over 60,000 artefacts.
5. The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Trombay; Tata Institute of Fundamental Research [TIFR]; Indian Institute of Technology [IIT].

Worksheet 2

A Write True or False.

1. Mumbai is the capital of Karnataka state. _____
2. Mumbai is the largest film-producing centre in India. _____
3. The Bandra-Warli Sea Link was opened in 2010. _____
4. Sagar Samrat is the name of a helicopter. _____
5. Mumbai has a moderate climate because of the sea breezes. _____

B Fill in the blanks.

1. Mumbai is one of the _____ cities in India and has the busiest _____.
2. The British _____ the seven islands and _____ the city of Mumbai.
3. The main offices of the _____ are located in Mumbai.
4. Jehangir Art Gallery was founded by _____ in 1952.
5. The statues of _____ and _____ are near the Gateway of India.

Answers to Worksheet 2

- A. 1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. True
- B. 1. largest; seaport 2. connected; developed 3. State Government
4. Sir Cowasji Jehangir 5. Shivaji; Swami Vivekananda