

India During WWI – Quiz (MCQ and Fill in the Blanks)

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Before the outbreak of World War I in 1914, India was described as being in a state of growing _____.

A) economic boom B) political unrest C) cultural revival D) military dominance

Answer: B) political unrest

2. Germans had been trying to stir up _____ British movements in India.

A) pro B) anti C) neutral D) charitable

Answer: B) anti

3. When war was declared, India offered help to Britain, and by winter 1914 troops were on the _____ Front.

A) Eastern B) Italian C) Western D) Balkan

Answer: C) Western

4. Approximately how many Indian volunteers fought in WWI?

A) 200,000 B) 500,000 C) 1.5 million D) 3 million

Answer: C) 1.5 million

5. Indian troops won how many Victoria Crosses for gallantry?

A) 5 B) 12 C) 25 D) 50

Answer: B) 12

6. The first Indian recipient of the Victoria Cross was _____.

A) Bhagat Singh B) Khudadad Khan C) Indar Singh D) Ganga Singh

Answer: B) Khudadad Khan

7. The cost of war pushed India's economy to _____.

A) tremendous growth B) moderate stability C) near bankruptcy D) self-sufficiency

Answer: C) near bankruptcy

8. One motivation for Indian soldiers to fight was:

A) promise of full independence B) higher pay (about 11 rupees/month) C) exemption from duties
D) opportunity to fight British officers

Answer: B) higher pay (about 11 rupees/month)

9. After WWI, India expected Britain to move towards _____.

A) complete annexation B) self-government / independence C) more colonial taxes D) military occupation

Answer: B) self-government / independence

10. Under the Government of India Act 1919, some provincial ministers could now be _____.

A) British nationals B) Indian nationals C) French nationals D) German nationals

Answer: B) Indian nationals

Fill in the Blanks

11. Around _____ Indian troops fought overseas during WWI.

Answer: 800,000

12. The Indian Corps was withdrawn from the front line by the end of _____.

Answer: 1915

13. The 47th Sikhs had only _____ men fit for duty by early November.

Answer: 385

14. One Indian soldier wrote: "This is not war; it is the ending of the _____."

Answer: world

15. The Times wrote: "The Indian empire has overwhelmed the British nation by the completeness and unanimity of its enthusiastic _____."

Answer: aid

16. After the war, the mood in India became more _____ because Britain did not grant promised self-government.

Answer: militant

17. Five million of India's wealthiest were given the right to vote under the Government of India Act of _____.

Answer: 1919

18. Indian soldiers admired Europeans' honesty, generosity, education and _____ in the face of bereavement.

Answer: stoicism

19. The phrase "the black pepper is very pungent" referred to the Indian _____.

Answer: troops

20. Many Muslim troops mutinied when fighting Turkey because they did not want to fight their own _____.

Answer: co-religionists