

THEME B. TAPESTRY OF THE PAST
FO. INDIA, THAT IS BHARAT

I. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Define the term 'Sindhu'. [Pg. No: 64]

Ans:- The term 'Sindhu' is derived from 'Sindhu', which specifically refers to the Indus River. Though it can also mean a river in general.

2. Mention the different sources that provide evidences of India's many names. [Page No: 63]

Ans:- * India has been known by many names, given by its inhabitants as well as visitors from other countries. * These names have been recorded in ancient texts, traveller's and pilgrim accounts and inscriptions.

3. State the significance of the term 'Hindu' in ancient Persian. [Pg no: 66]

Ans:- * In ancient Persian, 'Hindu' was used strictly as a geographical term to denote the region.
* It did not have any religious connotations associated with the term 'Hindu' as it is understood.

4 List the different names of India, their meanings and mention who gave them.

Ans:-	Name	Given by	Meaning
(i)	Sapta Sindhava	Rig Veda	Land of the Seven rivers.
(ii)	Sindhu	Ancient inhabitants	The Indus River, a river in general
(iii)	Hind, Hindu, Hindu	Persians	Linguistic adaptations of Sindhu
(iv)	Indoi, Indike	Greeks	Adaptations of the Persian term
(v)	Yindu, Yindu	Ancient Chinese	Derived from Sindhu through linguistic adaptation.