

## PRACTICAL ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONALS

### LESSON 28 ANSWERS

#### INDIA

For those of you who might be doing business in India, here's some general trivia about the country.

1. What is the capital of India?  
**NEW DELHI. In the year 1911, New Delhi was made the capital of India.**
2. Many of the cities of India have been renamed. One example is Kolkata. What was Kolkata called before it was renamed?  
**CALCUTTA. Bombay was also renamed Mumbai, Madras was renamed Chennai.**
3. What is the national animal of India?  
**ROYAL BENGAL TIGER. The Royal Bengal tiger lives in the state of West Bengal. It has been chosen as the national animal of India for its beauty. The Peacock is the national bird of India.**
4. In which year did India win her struggle for freedom and independence?  
**1947. This was a historic moment for India. In 1950, India took the additional step of becoming a republic.**
5. What was the name of the freedom fighter of India who chose non-violence as his main weapon?  
**MAHATMA GANDHI. Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi, better known as Mahatma Gandhi, was a great freedom fighter. He believed in non-violence and in breaking laws which were unjust. He also led a very simple life.**
6. Under which captain, did India win its first cricket World Cup in 1983?  
**KAPIL DEV. India defeated the mighty West Indians and got their first World Cup win. This was one of the greatest upsets in cricketing history.**

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7. Which is the longest river of India? [I am talking about the length of the river in India itself]  
**THE GANGES.** There's been some controversy on this question. Actually, the Indus and the Brahmaputra are both longer than the Ganges. But the length they travel through India is shorter than the Ganges.
8. What is the most commonly used native language of India?  
**HINDI.** Hindi is spoken in almost all of the states in India, but English has become quite common also. Many areas retain their traditional languages such as Malayalam, Tamil and Kannada.
9. Which city is called the "Bollywood City" in India?  
**MUMBAI.** Mumbai is the main place for all the Indian films. The Indian film industry is called "Bollywood" and its location is in Mumbai. Thus Mumbai is called "The Bollywood City".
10. "Lagaan" was one of the greatest Hindi films ever made by India. It won a nomination for an Oscar, but failed to get it. Who played the male lead role in the film?  
**AAMIR KHAN.** Aamir Khan also produced the film. The female lead was played by Gracy Singh. The story is wonderful and I would request you to watch it once!