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1. When is the best time to visit India?

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2. Which of the following is an official language in India?

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3. Which of the following animals did the lecturer mention?

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4. What did the lecturer say about Indian food?

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5. Which of the following special days was mentioned by the lecturer?

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6. Which of the following places was built between 1631 and 1648?

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**Discuss these questions with a friend or classmate.**

1. What information in the lecture did you find the most interesting? Why?
2. What do you think has contributed most to India's economic success? Why?
3. What are the advantages / disadvantages of living in a very large country?
4. Would you like to visit India? Why? / Why not?
5. What other interesting information do you know about India?
6. What three questions would you like to ask a person who lives in India?

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## Audio Script

Among the top of the world's most popular tourist destinations is the Republic of India, or simply "India". The reason for its popularity lies in its rich culture, history, and traditions. It is a land of ancient temples, bustling cities, beautiful landscapes, and a wide range of wildlife. In the next few minutes, we will touch on just a few of the things to explore and discover in this beautiful country.

One of the best times to visit India is during the winter months between November and February. During this time, the weather is cool and pleasant, making it the perfect time to explore the many sights, and sounds of the country. Summer months can be extremely hot and humid especially in the northern regions of the country, so you may want to avoid visiting during this time.

With a total population of about one and a half billion and a land area one third the size of Europe, India is home to many languages and religions, making it a unique and diverse country. The official language is Hindi (with more than half a billion speakers), but there are many other languages spoken throughout the country including Bengali, Tamil, and Punjabi. India is also home to Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, and Sikhism.

A wide range of wildlife, including tigers, elephants, monkeys, and many other species make their home in India. Some of the best places to see these animals include the Ranthambore National Park, the Jim Corbett National Park, and the Bandhavgarh National Park. These parks offer a unique opportunity to see these animals in their natural habitats.

Known for its liberal use of spices and flavors, India, of course, is famous for its wide variety of dishes. From spicy curries to sweet desserts, there is something for everyone. Some of the most popular dishes include biryani, samosas, butter chicken, and masala dosa.

While visiting India, be sure to learn about its unique traditions, and customs by witnessing or perhaps even taking part in some of the most popular festivals including, Diwali, Holly, and Dussehra.

When it comes to famous locations and landmarks, India has plenty to offer. Built between 1631 and 1648 by the Emperor Shah Jahan, the Taj Mahal is one of the most famous landmarks in the country and is a must-visit for anyone traveling to India. Other popular landmarks include: the Red Fort, the Qutub Minar, and the Gateway of India.

## ANSWER KEY

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| 1. winter  | 4. all of the above |
| 2. Hindi   | 5. Holi             |
| 3. monkeys | 6. Taj Mahal        |