India and the Mughal Empire

➤ **Gathering the Facts**

1. Turn to pages 54–55 of the Atlas. Read the introduction. Use the information to answer the following questions.

   a. From what region did Islam spread to India? _____

   b. What Islamic rulers controlled nearly all of India? _____

   c. What helped European colonizers gain control of India?

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★ **History Through Maps**

2. Use map A, "The Delhi Sultanate," to complete the paragraph below.

   Muslims Turks invaded India and established a state called the

   _____ in the year _____ . By 1236 their

   territory stretched from the _____ River to the west to the

   mouth of the _____ River to the east. The Sultanate reached its

   greatest extent in the year _____ . The religion of

   _____ remained strong in the north, while Hinduism continued

   to be practiced in the _____ . Between 1341 and _____ ,

   many states broke away from the Sultanate. _____ , the capital of

   the Sultanate, was raided by Mongol leader _____ in 1398, severely

   weakening the Sultanate.

★ **People and Cultures**

3. Look at picture B and read its caption. Then read the history question, "What is a Mughal?" Use the information to answer the following questions.

   a. What is the word for Mongol in Persian? _____

   b. What Mongol leader was Babur's ancestor? _____

   c. Which figure in picture B is Babur? Why do you think so?

   _____

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➤ **Places, Regions, and, Landscapes**

4. Look at map C, "Rise of the Mughal Empire." Use the map to answer the following
    questions.

    a. When did Babur conquer the Delhi Sultanate? _____

        What was the name of the battle? _____

    b. During what date range did the Mughals control most of India?

        _____

    c. What was the capital of the Mughal Empire? _____

    d. What two bodies of water bordered the Mughal Empire to the east and west when

        it was at its greatest extent?

        _____ and _____

    e. What mountain system bordered the northern boundary of the Mughal Empire?

        _____

    f. What was the main religion of the Maratha Kingdom?

        _____

➤ **Thinking About History**

5. Use map C, "Rise of the Mughal Empire," and map D, "The Maratha Kingdom and
    the Mughal Empire," to compare and contrast the Marathas and Mughals. Write
    MAR next to each of the following statements if it describes the Marathas, **MUG** if
    it describes the Mughals, or **B** if it describes both.

    a. Islam was its main religion.   _____

    b. Hindu was its main religion.   _____

    c. The British took control of its land.   _____

    d. Its territory decreased in size.   _____

★ **People and Their Environments**

6. Look at picture E and read its caption. Then answer the following questions.

    a. What is the Taj Mahal? _____

    b. Who was the Taj Mahal built for? _____

    c. Why do you think it took so long to build the Taj Mahal?

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