

Chapter- 15

Mumbai

STUDY NOTES

- Mumbai is the capital of Maharashtra.
- Till some time ago, it was known as Bombay.
- It is situated on the west coast of India facing the Arabian Sea.
- Mumbai has the largest port in India.
- All the important offices of the Government of Maharashtra are located in Mumbai.
- The Governor, the Chief Minister and other ministers live and work here.



Climate

- The climate of Mumbai is moderate.
- It is warm and humid in summer pleasant in winter.
- June, July and August are the monsoon months with very heavy rainfall.

Food

- Bhelpuri, vada pav and pav are popular street foods.
- Srikhand popular sweet dish of Mumbai.



• Pav bhaji



• Bhel puri



• Vada pav,

Festivals

- Though Ganesh Chaturthi is the most popular festival, all the important Indian festivals are celebrated Mumbai.



Languages spoken

- If you visit Mumbai, you can see people from different parts of India living and working here.
- Most people living here speak Marathi and Konkani. Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, English and many other Indian languages are also spoken.

Tourist Attractions

- A large number of tourists visit every year.
- An important landmark is the Gateway of India.
- Close to it are statues of Shivaji and swami Vivekananda.
- Some of the other places of tourist Mumbai interest are Marine Drive, Kanheri Caves, Essel World, Hanging Gardens, Kamla Nehru Park, Jehangir Art Gallery, Taraporevala Aquarium, Haji Ali Durgah, Siddhivinayak Temple and Mount Mary Church.
- There are many beaches in Mumbai like Chowpatty, Versova Marve and Juhu.
- Ten kilometers from Mumbai are the Elephant Caves.
- There are four rock-cut temples in these caves.

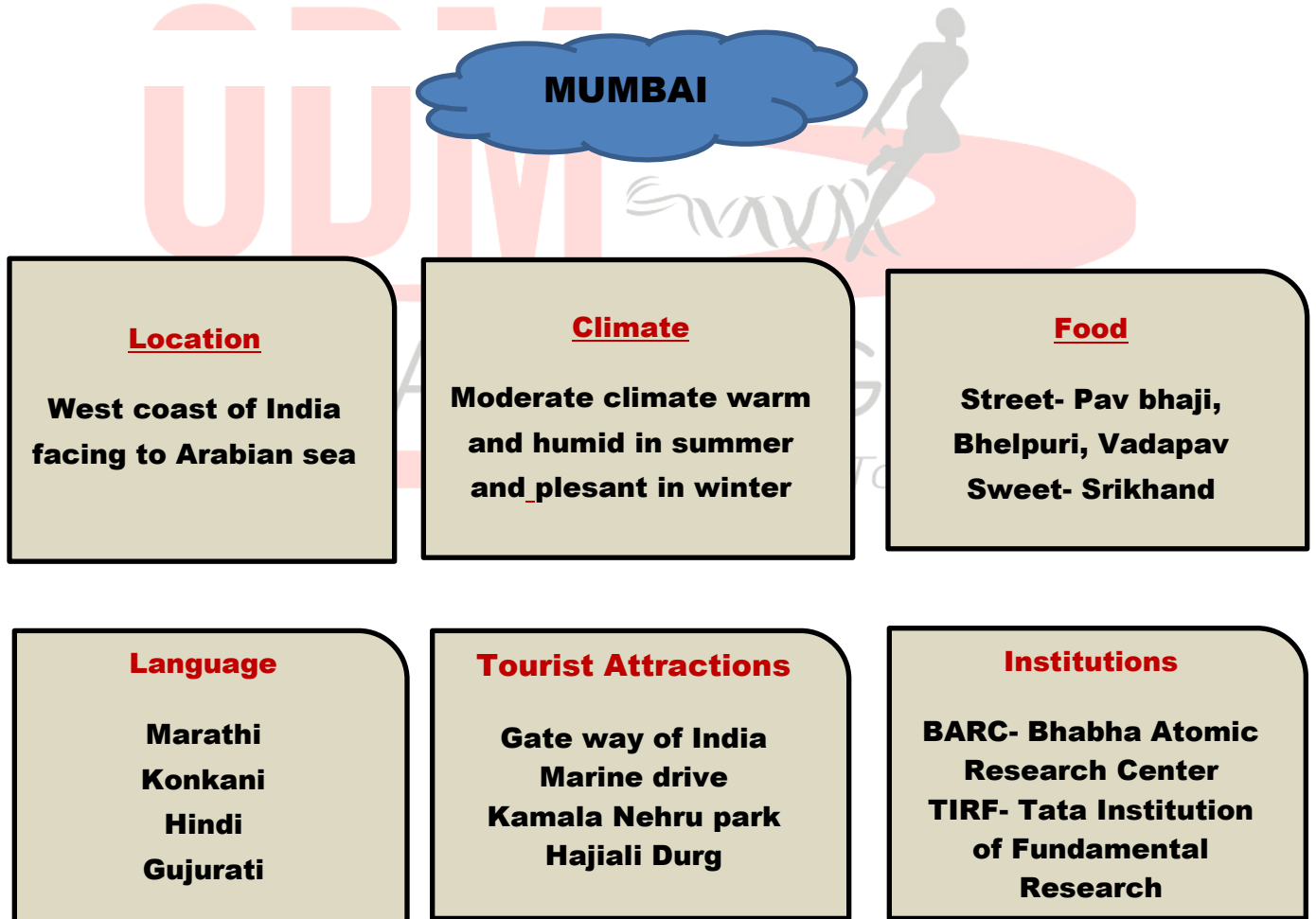
Transport

- The city has one of the best public transport systems in India. Most of the people commute by bus and local trains (also called suburban trains).
- The Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport is the busiest airport in the country.

Industries and Institutions

- Mumbai has many factories. These factories make textile, medicines, oils, chemicals and electronic goods.
- In Bombay High, off the Mumbai coast, lies one of India's most important oilfields, here, crude oil extracted from the seabed.
- Petrol and diesel are produced from this crude oil.
- Important institutions in Mumbai are the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC),
- Tata Institute Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).
- Mumbai also has a thriving film industry, commonly called Bollywood.

MEMORY MAP



Let's Do

Fill in the blanks.

1. Mumbai is the new name for _____.
2. Mumbai is the capital of _____.
3. The film industry in Mumbai is referred to as _____.
4. _____ and _____ are two popular snacks of Mumbai.
5. Crude oil has been found in _____ off the Mumbai coast.

Match the columns.

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|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Srikhand | a. beach |
| 2. Juhu | b. language |
| 3. Ganesh Chaturthi | c. sweet dish |
| 4. Marathi | d. park |
| 5. Kamla Nehru | e. festival |

Answer the following questions.

1. Describe the climate of Mumbai.
2. What are the languages spoken by the people of Mumbai?
3. Which are the industries based in Mumbai? of
4. Write two sentences about the Elephanta Caves.
5. Name four places of interest in Mumbai.

Multiple choice questions

1. Mumbai faces the

a. Bay of Bengal	b. Indian Ocean	c. Arabian Sea
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2. Bombay High is

a. a high mountain	b. an important oilfield	c. a college in Mumbai
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3. The most popular festival of Mumbai is

a. Ganesh Chaturthi	b. Diwali	c. Navroz
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4. A place along the coast where ships load and unload goods are called

a. an airport	b. a port	c. a factory
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Teacher's Note

Paste a India map locate Mumbai in that and write five lines about the Mumbai.

Improve Your GK

- The Bandra-Worli Sea Link is made up of cement and steel wire.
- Mumbai is known as dream city.
- Mumbai is famous as the home of Bollywood – the hub of the Hindi cinema industry.

Answer

1. Bombay
2. Maharashtra
3. Bollywood
4. Bhelpuri, vada pav
5. Bombay High

Match the columns.

1. C
2. A
3. E
4. B
5. D

Answer the following

1. The climate of Mumbai is moderate. It is warm and humid in summer and pleasant in winter.
2. Marathi, Konkani, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati and English are the languages spoken by the people of Mumbai.
3. Textile, medicines, oils, chemicals and electronic goods are the main industries based in Mumbai.
4. Elephanta Caves are ten kilometres away from Mumbai. In these caves there are four rock-cut temples.
5. Gateway of India, Marine Drive, Victoria Garden and Essel World.

Multiple choice questions

1. c
2. b
3. a
4. b