Fill in the bubble beside the best answer to each question.

1. Historians disagree about the origins of Hinduism. Which of the following do some historians believe?
   - A. The Aryans brought to India the belief in just one god.
   - B. The Aryans brought to India the practice of ritual bathing.
   - C. Traces of Hinduism can be found in artifacts from India’s original settlers.
   - D. Hinduism was likely founded by a single leader.

2. *Veda* is a Sanskrit word. When you translate it, what do you know about Hindu values?
   - A. Hinduism values actions.
   - B. Hinduism values beliefs.
   - C. Hinduism values knowledge.
   - D. Hinduism values courage.

3. The person who might have spoken these words is most likely a member of what caste?
   “I have been learning about battle. My father is showing me how to use different kinds of weapons so I will be a good warrior.”
   - A. Brahmins
   - B. Kshatriyas
   - C. Vaishyas
   - D. Shudras

4. What image best represents samsara, the Hindu cycle of birth, life, and death?
   - A. a tree
   - B. a wheel
   - C. a pyramid
   - D. a dog

5. How is the Hindu belief of karma related to the caste system?
   - A. People are in a caste because of how they lived in past lives.
   - B. People are in a caste because of how much money they earn.
   - C. People born into a low caste can rise to a higher caste.
   - D. People born into a low caste can’t improve their karma.

6. Which Hindu deity is believed to create the universe again and again?
   - A. Brahma
   - B. Vishnu
   - C. Indra
   - D. Shiva

7. Based on Vishnu’s appearance, what do you know about Hindus’ beliefs about Vishnu?
   - A. He sees everything.
   - B. He is very strong.
   - C. He is very wise.
   - D. He changes time.
Use your knowledge of social studies to complete the item below.

8. This ladder represents the caste system. The highest caste is at the top of the ladder; the lowest caste is at the bottom. Fill in the rungs of the ladder with the names of the five castes. You may use either the Sanskrit terms or their English translations.