**The Caste System**

In the Vedic Period, 5 main social divisions emerged. These groups came to be known as “castes.” Using your textbook, read about this system and complete the following questions. The answers can be found on p. 239 to 240.

1. Using the chart, identify and describe the 5 social divisions that made up the caste system.

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| Name of Caste | Description of Caste |
| 1. |  |
| 2. |  |
| 3. |  |
| 4. |  |
| 5. |  |

1. According to traditional Hindu belief, following one’s dharma means strictly following the rules of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The way for a person to move to a higher caste in the next life was to \_\_\_\_\_ according to one’s caste in this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. True or False: Acting above one’s caste in this life could generate bad karma and hurt a person’s chance of being promoted in the next life.
4. Is the caste system still legal in India?