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**Origins of Hinduism Two-Column Notes (p 478-483) - KEY**

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| **Indian Society Divides** | |
| 1) What are the four varnas? | Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaisyas, and Sudras |
| 2) What were some rules described in the sutras? | People couldn’t marry or eat with anyone from a different class |
| 3) How did a person become a member of a caste? | Born into it |
| **Brahmanism** | |
| 4) What is the Rigveda? | The oldest of the Vedas that contained a collection of hymns of praise to many gods |
| 5) When was Rigveda probably written? | Before 1000 BC |
| 6) How did the Upanishads differ from other Vedic texts? | The Upanishads were reflections on the Vedas written by religious students and teachers |
| 7) Why did priests place sacrifices into a fire? | They believed the fire would carry the sacrifice to the gods |
| **Hinduism Develops** | |
| 8) According to Hindu belief, what are the three major forms of Brahman? | Brahma the creator, Siva the destroyer, and Vishnu the preserver |
| 9) What led to the development of Hinduism? | The blending of the Vedic texts with ideas from other cultures |
| 10) What factors determined how a person would be reborn? | A person’s actions during his or her lifetime |
| **Jains React to Hinduism** | |
| 11) On whose teachings were Jainism based? | Mahariva |
| 12) How did Jainism differ from Hinduism? | The Jains believed that the Brahmins had too much control, and that there was too much emphasis on rituals |
| 13) Why do Jains avoid eating meat? | Because they believe in the sanctity of all life and in not injuring any creature |