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COURSE:

THE SPREAD OF ENGLISH

The cross-cultural spread of English is unprecedented in other ways. It is more widely used than any of the other colonial languages like French, Portuguese or Spanish. It even has a wider use than some of the languages associated with international non-Western religious traditions, like Arabic or Sanskrit. In countries like India and Nigeria, English is used at all levels of society: in local English- language newspapers and broadcasting, in public administration, in university education, in the major industries, the courts and the civil service. Indeed, with nearly 200 languages, India needs English to unify the country. Professor Lal, a champion of Indian English, who runs a well-known writers’ workshop, claims that in simple numerical terms, in a country of 840 million, ‘more Indians speak English and write English than in England itself ... You know what Malcolm Muggeridge said: “The last Englishman left will be an Indian.”

QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words. (2 points)

a. Why is English more important than other colonial languages?

b. Why is English so important in India?

2. Are the following statements true or false? (1 point)

a. Professor Lal manages a writers’ workshop in India.

b. Malcom Muggeridge said that Indians are left-handed.

3. Find a word or phrase in the text which, in context, is similar in meaning to: (1 point)

States (v): _____

Higher education: _____

4. Choose a, b or c in each question below. Only one choice is correct. (2 points)

1. The way English is spreading is

a. *something normal.*

