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The Enigmatic Indian Ocean: A World of Wonders

Short Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, e.g., The Maldives is known for overwater bungalows and stunning coral reefs.
2. The Indian Ocean played a crucial role in the spice trade by connecting Asia, Africa, and Europe, leading to the establishment of trade routes known as the Silk Road and Spice Route.
3. The monsoon winds bring seasonal rains to the Indian subcontinent, impacting the region's climate and weather patterns.
4. The Indian Ocean has influenced music, art, and cuisine through the exchange of cultural traditions and flavors among diverse civilizations.
5. The Indian Ocean is rich in biodiversity, hosting diverse coral reefs, marine species, and ecosystems that are vital for the health of our oceans.

