

AAPI Heritage Month

# KAMALA HARRIS

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**MAKING HISTORY**

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She is a graduate of Occidental College and the University of California, Berkeley. She has served in various roles for public service.

READING COMPREHENSION  
MCQ'S  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWER KEY

## READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

### KAMALA HARRIS

In November 2020, Kamala Harris made history by becoming the first woman, the first Black person, and the first person of South Asian descent to be elected Vice President of the United States. Her journey from daughter of immigrants to one of the most powerful positions in the country is not only inspiring but also represents a significant milestone for the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Let's delve into her remarkable story and the impact she has had on AAPI representation in American politics.



#### EARLY LIFE

Kamala Harris was born on October 20, 1964, in Oakland, California, to immigrant parents: Shyamala Gopalan, a biomedical scientist from India, and Donald Harris, an economist from Jamaica. Raised with a strong sense of social justice and activism, Harris was inspired by her parents' commitment to fighting for civil rights and equality. Her multicultural upbringing and diverse heritage shaped her worldview and influenced her passion for public service.

#### LEGAL CAREER

After earning degrees from Howard University and the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, Harris embarked on a career in law and public service. She served as a prosecutor in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and later as the District Attorney of San Francisco, where she implemented progressive criminal justice reforms. In 2009, she made history by becoming the first woman and the first person of color to be elected Attorney General of California. Harris went on to serve as a United States Senator from California before making history once again as Vice President-elect in 2020.

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#### BREAKING BARRIERS

Kamala Harris's historic election as Vice President shattered glass ceilings and inspired millions of people, especially women and girls of color, to dream big and pursue their ambitions. As the highest-ranking woman in U.S. history and the first person of AAPI descent to hold the office of Vice President, Harris has become a symbol of representation and empowerment for marginalized communities across the country. Her leadership and resilience in the face of adversity serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come.

#### ADVOCACY FOR AAPI ISSUES

Throughout her career, Kamala Harris has been a vocal advocate for AAPI communities and has championed policies that address their unique needs and challenges. From advocating for immigration reform and protecting the rights of undocumented immigrants to fighting against hate crimes and discrimination, Harris has consistently worked to uplift the voices and experiences of AAPI individuals in the national conversation.



#### CONCLUSION

Kamala Harris's historic election as Vice President of the United States represents a watershed moment not only for women and people of color but also for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Her journey from daughter of immigrants to Vice President-elect serves as a testament to the power of perseverance, courage, and representation in American politics. As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, let us honor Kamala Harris's trailblazing legacy and continue to advocate for greater inclusion and diversity in all aspects of society.

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# KAMALA HARRIS: MAKING HISTORY

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What historic milestone did Kamala Harris achieve in November 2020?
  - a) First woman to be elected Vice President
  - b) First Black person to be elected Vice President
  - c) First person of South Asian descent to be elected Vice President
  - d) All of the above
2. Where was Kamala Harris born?
  - a) India
  - b) Jamaica
  - c) Oakland, California
  - d) Howard University
3. What inspired Kamala Harris's passion for public service?
  - a) Her career in law
  - b) Her parents' commitment to civil rights and equality
  - c) Her multicultural upbringing
  - d) Her degree from UC Hastings College of the Law
4. In which position did Kamala Harris serve as the first woman and person of color?
  - a) District Attorney of San Francisco
  - b) United States Senator from California
  - c) Attorney General of California
  - d) Vice President of the United States
5. What did Kamala Harris's historic election as Vice President represent?
  - a) A setback for women and people of color
  - b) A continuation of the status quo
  - c) A symbol of representation and empowerment
  - d) A step backward in American politics

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Who is highlighted as a 30-year-old daughter in the passage?
2. What iconic monument did she visit?
3. Which author is known for 'Dust'?
4. Who is recognized as a well-known Chinese scientist?
5. What barrier did Anna M. overcome in the entertainment industry?

## 5. What impact did Kamala Harris's marginalized communities?

- a) It discouraged them from pursuing higher education
- b) It inspired them to overcome challenges and achieve their dreams
- c) It perpetuated feelings of exclusion and discrimination
- d) It had no impact on marginalized communities

## 7. What issue has Kamala Harris advocated throughout her career?

- a) Environmental conservation
- b) Women's rights
- c) LGBTQ+ representation
- d) Tax cuts for the wealthy

## 8. Which of the following policies has she championed for AAPI communities?

- a) Immigration reform
- b) Tax incentives for AAPI individuals
- c) Increased funding for AAPI education
- d) Reduction of healthcare costs for AAPI

## 9. What does Kamala Harris's journey in American politics?

- a) The intersection of diversity and drive
- b) The power of representation and advocacy
- c) The evolution of opportunities for marginalized individuals
- d) The importance of mentoring the next generation

## 10. How is Kamala Harris's legacy relevant to celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month?

- a) It highlights the exclusion of AAPI individuals from the narrative of American history
- b) It emphasizes the need for greater diversity in leadership and public service
- c) It celebrates the success of AAPI individuals in various fields
- d) It acknowledges the achievements of AAPI individuals in American history

# ANSWER KEY

### MCQ'S

1. c) Highlighting the specific contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to American culture
2. a) Statue of Liberty
3. a) Ernest Hemingway
4. b) Amy Tan
5. c) 'Yo-Yo Me'
6. d) She was the first Chinese American Hollywood actress
7. b) Her multicultural upbringing
8. c) Her degree from UC Hastings College of the Law
9. b) Her parents' commitment to civil rights and equality
10. d) To honor AAPI individuals' contributions to American art and culture

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Tsing Tseng
2. Ernest Hemingway
3. Amy Tan
4. Yo-Yo Me
5. She was the first Chinese American Hollywood actress

**ANSWER KEY INCLUDED**

**10 - MCQ'S & 5 QUESTIONS**

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