

Major World Religions Quiz **Answers**

Islam

1. What is the name of the Muslim place of worship?

The Muslim place of worship is called a mosque.

2. What is the name of the holy book of Islam?

The holy book of Islam is called the Qur'an.

3. What or who is Allah?

Muslims use this name to refer to the one God who rules the universe.

4. What are the Five Pillars of Islam? Give one example along with a short explanation.

The Five Pillars of Islam are five duties which every Muslim must carry out during their lifetime.

Shahada – This pillar is the main belief of all Muslim people and it is a declaration of their faith. The English words are: “There is no god except Allah, Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”

Salah – This pillar is prayer. Muslims pray five times a day, following a special ritual.

Zakat – This pillar is about looking after other people. Each Muslim gives up a share of his wealth each year to provide for those less fortunate.

Sawm – This pillar is all about Ramadan. For 30 days, Muslims fast – they do not eat or drink during daylight hours. The fast is to remind them how difficult it is to be poor, hungry and thirsty. It reminds them to thank God for the gift of the Qur'an and not be greedy.

Hajj – All Muslims have a duty to make a pilgrimage to Makkah (Mecca) at least once in their life.

5. Why is Mecca an important place to Muslims?

Mecca is the centre of Islam. It is a very holy place for Muslims all around the world.

6. Give 3 facts about Muslim prayer.

Answers could include Muslims wash before prayer, remove their shoes to pray, pray on prayer mats, worshippers face Mecca or worshippers pray five times a day.

7. Which festival takes place after the period of fasting known as Ramadan?

Ramadan finishes with the celebration of Eid al-Fitr.

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Christianity

1. What is the name of the Christian holy book?

The Christian holy book is called the Bible.

2. Name a Christian place of worship.

Answers could include church, cathedral or chapel.

3. What is the name given to the special Christian ritual where worshippers drink wine and eat bread to remember Christ's sacrifice?

Answers could include Holy Communion, Mass, Eucharist or Lord's Supper.

4. Give one example of a Christian religious symbol.

Answer could include a cross, fish, candle flame or dove of peace.

5. Explain your understanding of a Christian baptism.

This is also known as a christening. At somebody's baptism, the church officially welcomes the person into God's family. Both babies and adults can be baptised. The vicar can pour holy water over the person's head, dunk their head in holy water or fully immerse the person in holy water. This is done because John the Baptist baptised Jesus like this in the Bible.

6. List two of the main Christian festivals.

Answers could include Harvest, Christmas or Easter.

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Sikhism

1. What is the name of the Sikh place of worship?

The Sikh place of worship is called a gurdwara.

2. Name or draw the Sikh religious symbol which can be seen on the flag outside a Sikh place of worship.

The Sikh symbol is known as the Khanda.



3. What is the name of the Sikh holy book?

The Sikh holy book is known as the Guru Granth Sahib.

4. Which festival do both Sikhs and Hindus celebrate for different reasons?

Sikhs and Hindus both celebrate Diwali.

5. What are the 5 Ks and why are they known by this name?

The 5 Ks are 5 symbols worn by all Sikh men and women to represent their religion. Each special symbol begins with the letter 'k' in Punjabi, therefore they are known as the 5 Ks.

6. List the 5 Ks and give a brief explanation of each.

- **Kesh – This is hair. Sikhs make a promise to not cut their hair, but let it grow as a symbol of their faith.**
- **Kanga – The Kanga is a small wooden comb.**
- **Kara – The Kara is a steel bangle worn on the arm of Sikhs.**
- **Kachera – The Kachera are short trousers worn as underwear.**
- **Kirpan – The Kirpan is a warrior sword. Today, a very tiny one is worn as a symbol of dignity and self-respect.**

7. How is a Sikh baby's name chosen?

The first letter of a Sikh baby's name is chosen at the gurdwara. The holy book is randomly opened and the first letter of the first word on that page is announced as the first letter of the baby's name. The parents then decide which name to give the baby.

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Buddhism

1. Give one example of a Buddhist religious symbol.

Answers could include the wheel of life, the lotus flower or an image of Buddha.

2. Where do Buddhists worship?

Buddhists worship at a Buddhist temple.

3. What is the name of the Buddhist sacred book?

The Buddhist sacred book is called then Tripitaka.

4. Why is Buddha important to Buddhists?

Buddha is important because he was a human who gained Enlightenment, teaching others how to reach it too.

5. What is Enlightenment?

Enlightenment is when a Buddhist finds the truth about life through following Buddha's teachings and meditation. Buddhists believe that there is a cycle of birth, life and death which repeats itself unless a person gains Enlightenment.

6. What do Buddhists believe about Nirvana?

Breaking out of the cycle of birth, life and death is known as Nirvana. Nirvana is perfect peace.

7. Name the important Buddhist festival which celebrates the Buddha's birthday.

The important Buddhist festival which celebrates the Buddha's birthday is called Wesak.

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Judaism

1. What is the Jewish place of worship called?

The Jewish place of worship is called a synagogue.

2. What is the Jewish religious symbol called?

The Jewish symbol is called the Star of David.

3. Jewish people believe in following the 10 what?

Jewish people believe in following the 10 commandments.

4. Give the names of two important Jewish festivals.

Answers could include Yom Kippur, Hanukkah, Pesach (Passover), Rosh Hashanah (New Year).

5. What is Shabbat?

Shabbat is the holiest time of the week for Jewish people. It starts at sunset on Friday and continues until sunset on Saturday. At the start of Shabbat, a family meal is shared. During this special time of the week, Jewish people must not work and families attend services at synagogue.

6. Name the Jewish holy text.

The Jewish holy text is called the Torah.

7. What do Jewish men wear on their heads?

Jewish men wear a kippah.

8. What is a bar mitzvah?

A bar mitzvah is a special Jewish party ceremony for boys, when they reach the age of 13. The boy becomes an adult in the eyes of the Jewish religion.

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Hinduism

1. What is puja and where can it take place?

Puja is worship. It can take place in the mandir or at home.

2. What is the religious symbol of Hinduism?

The religious symbol of Hinduism is called Aum.

3. Name two Hindu gods.

Answers could include Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Lakshmi, Shakt, Saraswati, Shakti, Ganesha, Indra, Agni, Surya, Vaya or Hanuman.

4. What is the name of the ancient Hindu sacred texts?

The ancient Hindu sacred texts are called the Vedas.

5. Which important Hindu festival is the story of Rama and Sita linked to?

The important Hindu festival linked to the story of Rama and Sita is Diwali.

6. What is the festival of Holi?

Holi is the festival of colours which marks the beginning of spring.