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## World Religions Test

### Multiple Choice:

**Directions: Select the word that fits each definition.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity: Christians believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Jewish messiah, or the...

- A. savior of the world
- B. conquering admiral
- C. god's spiritual captain
- D. protector of the world

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Hinduism: The Hindus believed a deity wrote the Vedas which are:

- A. two holy books of visions.
- B. four holy books written in Sanskrit.
- C. words of the universe.
- D. two brothers who worshiped nature.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhism: The religion of Buddhism is primarily practiced in all the following places except:

- A. Thailand
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Northern Europe

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Islam: What is the holy place where followers of Islam worship?

- A. Church.
- B. Mosque.
- C. Yurt.
- D. the great outdoors.

5. \_\_\_\_ Judaism: The Hebrew name for their only God used in the Bible is \_\_\_\_ and because they only worship one God, they are considered...

- A. Brother, pantheistic
- B. Guru, non-theistic
- C. Mana, polytheistic
- D. Yahweh, Monotheistic

6. \_\_\_\_ Christianity: Followers of Christianity read the Holy Bible, which included the New Testament and the Hebrew Bible, known as what?

- A. The Old Pages
- B. The new Vedas
- C. The Old Testament
- D. Yahweh's works

7. \_\_\_\_ Hinduism: Hindus believed in karma, or that people create their own destiny through...

- A. good thoughts only
- B. bad choices
- C. every action, word or thought
- D. how much they gossip.

8. \_\_\_\_ Buddhism: Buddhists believed that people were reincarnated until they reached \_\_\_\_\_, an inner peace or enlightenment.

- A. nirvana
- B. state of light
- C. state of wealth
- D. heaven

9. \_\_\_\_Islam: Muslims follow the teachings of Muhammad the prophet. What is a prophet?

- A. God of Creation and Destruction
- B. Father's light
- C. Messenger of God
- D. Hell predictor

10. \_\_\_\_Judaism: Judaism is practiced by Jews, who in ancient times were called...

- A. Judas
- B. Sunnis
- C. Hebrews
- D. Chaldeans

11. \_\_\_\_Islam: Islam is primarily practiced in the following regions except...

- A. The Middle East
- B. Western Asia
- C. Northern Africa
- D. South America

12. \_\_\_\_Judaism: Judaism originated in which region?

- A. The Far East
- B. Western Europe
- C. The Middle East
- D. The Far West

## Matching:

Directions: Match the following terms to their correct definition.

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| 13. _____ Church            | A. Hindu belief that the universe is God and God is the Universe   |
| 14. _____ Pantheistic       | B. Buddhist belief that our past actions and present doings result in our own happiness or sorrow.   |
| 15. _____ Karma             | C. Branch of Islam that believe God chose Ali (Prophet Muhammad's blood relative) to be caliph of Islam and Muhammad's successor.  |
| 16. _____ Shia              | D. Place of worship for Christians.  |
| 17. _____ Samsara           | A. Buddhist place of worship in addition to worshipping at home.   |
| 18. _____ Temples           | B. Buddhist beliefs: 1. All life is suffering. 2.Desire is the cause of pain<br>3. End pain by overcoming one's desires. 4.To overcome desire, have virtue and compassion for all living things.               |
| 19. _____ Sunni             | C. Temple of worship for Jews.   |
| 20. _____ Mandir            | D. Branch of Islam that denied that a blood relative of Muhammad needed to be the Caliph of Islam, hence leaders before Ali were acceptable.   |
| 21. _____ Four Noble Truths | E. Followers of Islam.   |
| 22. _____ Muslims           | F. Part of Islamic holy text; Collection of traditions containing sayings of the prophet Muhammad that offer guidance for Muslims.   |
| 23. _____ Hebrew Bible      | G. Hindu word for reincarnation; belief that after death, the souls of humans and animals will be reborn depending on the karma of their past life, which can be purified through dharma, or religious duties. |
| 24. _____ Qur'an or Koran   | H. Part of Islamic holy text; believed to be the word of God as dictated to Muhammad by the angel Gabriel.   |
| 25. _____ Hadith            | I. Temple where Hindus worship   |
| 26. _____ Synagogue         | J. Torah (Hebrew: 'Law'), Nevi'im ('Prophets') and Ketuvim ('Writings'). These Holy texts are about law, history, prophecy, and wisdom of the ancient people of Israel.  |

## Inferring Meaning:

**Directions:** Read the passages below. Infer the meaning of the highlighted word by reading the context clues in the surrounding text. Choose the word or definition with the closest meaning.

27. “After five years of struggle Siddhartha left the sect to recover and meditate on his own. One night he sat under a fig tree in northwest India. Meditating under this tree opened his awareness, leading him to enlightenment, peaceful state of being. At this point, he became *Buddha*.”

\_\_\_\_\_ What does the word *Buddha* refer to in the text?

- A. The enlightened founder of the Buddhist religion
- B. A suffering servant
- C. A god
- D. A spirit

28. “Hindus believe in many deities, but their supreme being is worshiped in three forms, Brahma, Vishnu, and *Shiva*. These three gods are all part of the universal spirit. Major branches included Vaishnavas (followers of the preserver god), Shaivas (followers of the destroyer god), Shaktas (followers of the female deities), and Smartas (followers of five deities).”

\_\_\_\_\_ What does the term *Shiva* mean in the text?

- A. The Creator
- B. The Preserver
- C. The Destroyer
- D. None of the above.

29. “Ancient Romans allowed citizens and non-citizens living within their borders to practice their religions because they felt it was easier to rule someone who was able to keep their belief system than someone who was forced to change. The only exception would come when Roman officials began to believe that Christianity was causing political problems. But, even with Christianity the Romans only placed limits on where and when Christians could meet.”

\_\_\_\_\_ What does the word *Christians* mean in the text?

- A. Roman leaders
- B. Those who follow Christianity.
- C. rebels
- D. none of the above

30. “Three major religions disagree on Jesus’s role on this earth. Christians worship him as the messiah that the Jewish people have been waiting for. Muslims believed Jesus was a prophet, but not the Son of God as he claimed, and instead followed Muhammad’s teachings. The Jews doubt the *validity* of Jesus or Muhammad, still awaiting their savior.”

\_\_\_\_\_What does the word *validity* mean in the text?

- A. Impossible
- B. Value of something
- C. Message of someone
- D. None of the above.

**Analyze the Map:**

Use the map below to answer the following questions.



31. \_\_\_\_\_ Christians primarily live and worship in all the following regions except...

- A. United States
- B. Europe
- C. Russia
- D. China

32. \_\_\_\_\_Catholic Christians primarily live and worship in all the following areas except...

A. South America

B. India

C. Western Europe

D. South America

33. \_\_\_\_\_Modern Hindus primarily live and work in...

A. Saudi Arabia

B. India

C. Australia

D. Canada