

Hinduism: Beliefs, Traditions, and Practices

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Hindu concepts, including the nature of God, sacred texts, and ways of worship.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure you use the provided word bank to support your explanations.

Hinduism is a diverse faith that originated in India. It is often described as a way of life. Many Hindus believe in one supreme reality known as Brahman, which can be represented through many different deities. Worship often takes place in a Mandir, where followers show devotion to a Murti. Daily life is guided by the concepts of Dharma (duty) and Karma (the consequence of actions). Sacred texts, such as the Vedas, provide wisdom for followers, while festivals like Diwali bring communities together to celebrate the victory of light over darkness.

Word bank: Brahman · Dharma · Karma · Mandir · Murti · Aum · Diwali · Vedas

1. What is the name of the supreme reality that many Hindus believe underlies all existence? (1 mark)

2. Explain the meaning of 'Karma' and how it influences the way a Hindu might choose to live their life. (3 marks)

3. Identify two features found inside a Mandir and describe their purpose in worship. (4 marks)

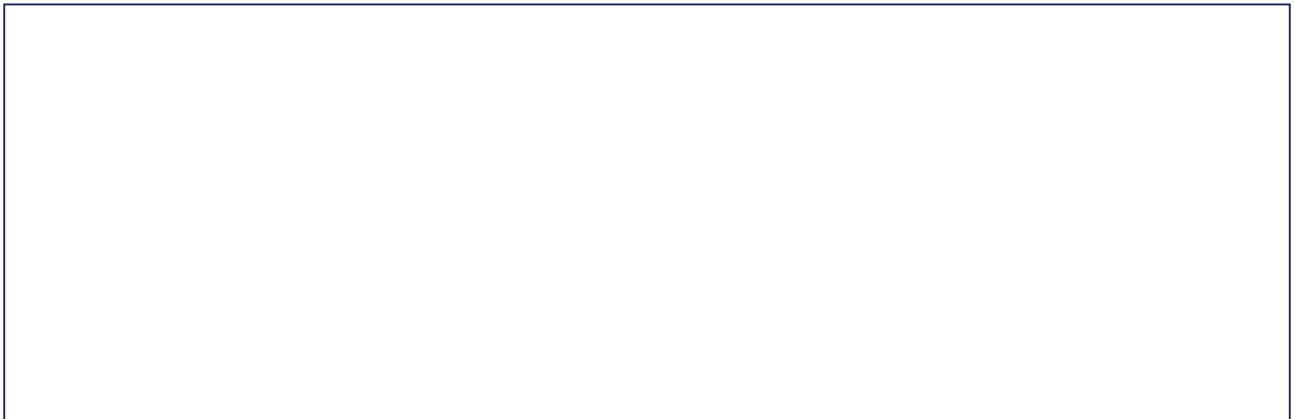
4. Why is the festival of Diwali significant to Hindu families? Mention the symbolic meaning of the lights. (4 marks)

5. Define 'Dharma' and provide an example of how a person might fulfil their duty in their everyday life. (3 marks)

6. Ellie the elephant has been reading about the Vedas. Why are these ancient texts important to the Hindu faith? (5 marks)

7. List two ways in which Hindus show devotion during a Puja ceremony. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw the symbol of Aum and label its significance as the sacred sound of the universe.



Extension challenge: Total: /25