

Exploring Hinduism: A Religious Education Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key beliefs, practices, and symbols in Hinduism.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religions. Hindus believe in one supreme power called Brahman. They often show their devotion through a daily act of worship called Puja. Many Hindus have a small shrine in their homes. Festivals are a very important part of life. One famous festival is Diwali, the festival of light. Many Hindus also believe that water, especially from the river Ganges, is very holy.

Word bank: Brahman · Shrine · Diwali · Aum · Puja · Ganges · Light · Respect

1. 1. What is the name of the one supreme power that Hindus believe in? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the name of the Hindu festival of light? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. 3. Name one object or item you might find at a home shrine. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. 4. Explain why the river Ganges is important to many Hindus. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. 5. Think about the festival of Diwali. Why do you think light is an important symbol during this time? (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. 6. Describe how a Hindu might perform Puja at home. Think about what they do and how they show respect. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. 7. Look at the symbol 'Aum'. Why do you think symbols are important in religions like Hinduism? (4 marks) (4 marks)

8. 8. If you were planning a celebration for Diwali, what is one thing you would include and why? (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw the symbol 'Aum' in the box below and decorate it with patterns you might see at a festival.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are Pip the caterpillar. Write a short poem (4 lines) about why it is important to respect different religions.