

Grade 3 Religious Education: Understanding Hinduism

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Hindu beliefs, traditions, and the concept of Brahman.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure your answers are clear and detailed. You have 45 minutes to complete this assessment.

In Hinduism, there is a belief in one supreme spirit known as Brahman. While Brahman is the ultimate reality, many Hindus worship various deities who represent different aspects of this one spirit. Hindus believe in dharma, which is the duty to live in a way that maintains balance in the world, and karma, the idea that our actions have consequences. Places of worship are called mandirs, where people go to pray, offer flowers, and sing hymns. Many festivals are celebrated, such as Diwali, the festival of light, which represents the victory of light over darkness.

Word bank: Brahman · Dharma · Karma · Diwali · Mandir · Aum · Moksha · Deities

1. Identify the term used for the supreme spirit in Hinduism and explain its significance. (2 marks)

2. Define the concept of 'Karma' and explain how it influences the way a person behaves in their daily life. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the role of a Mandir with other places of worship you have studied. What is one specific activity that happens inside a Mandir? (3 marks)

4. Why is the festival of Diwali significant to Hindus? Describe one way it is celebrated. (3 marks)

5. Justify why many Hindus choose to show kindness to all living things based on their belief in the interconnectedness of life. (4 marks)

6. Explain why symbols, such as the Aum (Om), are important in the Hindu faith. How do they help believers focus their thoughts during prayer? (5 marks)

7. What might happen if a person ignores the concept of 'Dharma' in their community? Provide a thoughtful response. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a traditional Diya lamp used during Diwali. Label your drawing with one word that describes what the light represents in Hindu culture.



*Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the Hindu belief system to someone who has never heard of it before. Write a short paragraph (50-80 words) describing the importance of living a balanced life.
Total: /25*