

Grade 3 Religious Education Assessment: Understanding Sikhism

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of the core beliefs, practices, and values within Sikhism, including the significance of the Gurdwara and the Five Ks.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Sikhism to provide detailed and thoughtful answers. Remember to use appropriate vocabulary.

Sikhism originated in the Punjab region of India. It is a monotheistic faith based on the teachings of ten human Gurus and their eternal scripture. Sikhs strive to live a life of honesty, hard work, and service to others. A central part of Sikh life is the practice of Seva, which is selfless service, and the tradition of Langar, where a free communal meal is provided to all, regardless of background.

Word bank: Gurdwara · Langar · Khalsa · Seva · Guru Granth Sahib · Five Ks · Equality · Community

1. Name the holy scripture of Sikhism and explain why it is treated with such great respect by Sikhs. (2 marks)

2. What is the purpose of the 'Langar' in a Gurdwara? Explain why this practice is important for promoting equality. (3 marks)

3. List three of the 'Five Ks' and explain the significance of one of them. (3 marks)

4. Define the term 'Seva'. Give an example of how a person might perform Seva in their local community. (2 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the role of a Gurdwara with a place of worship you are familiar with. How are they similar and how are they different? (4 marks)

6. Justify why the principle of equality is central to the Sikh faith. Refer to the structure of the Gurdwara or the tradition of the Langar in your answer. (6 marks)

7. What might happen to a community if everyone practiced the principle of 'Seva' every single day? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a Gurdwara, including the Nishan Sahib (the Sikh flag) outside. Label at least three key features of the building.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Imagine you are writing a poem about the importance of 'Equality' as viewed by the Gurus. Write a four-line poem that captures the spirit of community and kindness.