

Year 5 Religious Education Assessment: Sikhism

Learning objective: To assess knowledge and understanding of the key beliefs, practices, and history of Sikhism.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Sikhism to provide detailed and thoughtful answers. Ensure your writing is clear and uses appropriate terminology.

Sikhism is a faith that began in the Punjab region of India over 500 years ago. It teaches that there is one God and that all human beings are equal, regardless of their background, gender, or status. Sikhs show their devotion through prayer, honest work, and service to others. The community gathers for worship in a building known as a Gurdwara, where the holy scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib, is treated with the utmost respect.

Word bank: Guru Nanak · Guru Granth Sahib · Gurdwaras · Langar · Seva · Five Ks · Khanda · Equality · Monotheism

1. Identify the founder of Sikhism and explain one key principle he taught regarding how people should treat one another. (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the Sikh holy book, and why is it treated with such high reverence within the Gurdwara? (2 marks)

3. Explain the significance of 'Langar' in a Gurdwara. Why is the act of sharing a meal considered an important part of the Sikh faith? (3 marks)

4. List the 'Five Ks' (Panj Kakar) and briefly describe the spiritual purpose of one of them. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the concept of 'Seva' (selfless service) with the way people contribute to their own local communities. How does this commitment to service impact wider society? (4 marks)

6. Justify your answer: Why do Sikhs believe that equality is a fundamental pillar of their religion, and how is this reflected in the design and rules of the Gurdwara? (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: 'The principles of Sikhism are just as relevant today as they were 500 years ago.' Discuss this statement, providing examples of how Sikh values like humility, honesty, and service could help solve modern global problems. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw the Khanda symbol and label the three parts that make up its design, explaining what each element represents in the Sikh faith.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research the life of one of the later Gurus. Write a short poem in the style of Leo the Lion that highlights their specific contribution to the development of the Sikh community.