Year 5 Religious Education Assessment: Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the importance, origins, and influence of sacred texts within major world religions.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your answers show clear understanding of why these texts are considered sacred.

Sacred texts are more than just books. For many people, they are a window into the divine and a guide for how to live a good life. Whether it is the Torah, the Qur'an, the Bible, the Guru Granth Sahib, or the Vedas, these texts contain the wisdom, laws, and stories that have shaped civilisations for thousands of years. They are treated with deep respect and often kept in special places of honour.

Word bank: Scripture · Revelation · Tradition · Authority · Interpret · Guidance · Manuscript · Sacred

1. Define what is meant by a 'sacred' text. Why are these books treated differently to a normal library book? (2 marks)

2. Name two different world religions and the specific sacred text associated with each one. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is curious about how people treat their holy books. Describe two ways a community might show respect for their sacred text. (3 marks)

4. Explain why many religious communities believe it is important to study their sacred texts regularly. (4 marks)

5. Ellie the elephant has been reading about history. Choose one sacred text and explain how it influences the daily life and actions of a believer today. (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Discuss why sacred texts are considered 'living' documents. In your answer, consider how people interpret the ancient words to solve modern-day problems. (Total: 10 marks for this section) (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a special place where a sacred text might be kept, showing how the environment reflects the importance of the book.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Find out how sacred texts were copied before the invention of the printing press. Why was the role of a scribe so important?