# Diwali: The Festival of Lights Assessment

*Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and celebrations of Diwali for Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains.*

Read each question carefully. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided. You have 30 minutes to complete this assessment.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights. It is a very important time for many families. People decorate their homes with bright colors and light small clay lamps called diyas to show that light wins over darkness. Families share delicious sweets, wear new clothes, and create beautiful patterns on the floor called rangoli. It is a time for kindness, happiness, and thinking about doing good things for others.

*Word bank: Diwali · Lamps · Rangoli · Celebration · Light · Darkness · Family · Good · Evil*

**1. What is another name for the festival of Diwali? (1 mark)**

**2. Why do people light clay lamps called 'diyas' during Diwali? (2 marks)**

**3. Max the monkey is helping his friends decorate for Diwali. He wants to make a 'rangoli' pattern. Describe what a rangoli pattern is and what materials someone might use to make one. (3 marks)**

**4. List three things that families might do together to celebrate Diwali. (3 marks)**

**5. Pip the caterpillar is learning that Diwali is a time for 'new beginnings'. Why might wearing new clothes or cleaning the house be an important part of a 'new beginning'? (4 marks)**

**6. Explain why light is such an important symbol during this festival. Think about how light makes people feel and what it represents compared to darkness. (4 marks)**

**7. Write a short story or a recount (5 sentences minimum) about a family preparing for Diwali. Include how they feel, what they are doing to get ready, and why they are excited for the festival to start. (8 marks)**

**Draw: Draw a beautiful rangoli pattern inside the square below. Remember to use bright colors and repeating shapes like circles, triangles, or flower petals.**

*Extension challenge: Total: /25*