

Year 8 RE Assessment
CELEBRATIONS

Answer all questions and follow instructions carefully. The test lasts *one* hour. There are ten *multiple choice* and ten *true or false* questions of one mark each and there are two *essay questions* of twenty marks each.

SECTION 1 - CHOOSE ONE ANSWER ONLY IN EACH QUESTION.

1 The scene which displays the Manger, Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise men and animals, with the baby Jesus, is known as the:

- A Christingle
- B Nativity
- C Crucifixion
- D Crucible

[0 or 1 mark]

2 A significant part of mid-winter celebration is the use and display of:

- A Holy Water.
- B Lights.
- C Oil.
- D Vegetarian food.

[0 or 1 mark]

3 Easter is the celebration when Christians claim that:

- A Christ was reincarnated.
- B Christ was resurrected.
- C Christ was born.
- D Christ spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness.

[0 or 1 mark]

4 According to Christians Sunday celebrates:

- A When God rested from creating the world and Christ was resurrected.
- B When God began his week creating the world and Jesus of Nazareth started his ministry.
- C When God hears prayers and Christ said Christians should pray.
- D When Christ was sent to change people for the better because God said people had sinned.

[0 or 1 mark]

5 A month before Rosh Hashanah, on all days except the Sabbath, a special instrument is played in the following fashion:

- A The sherpa bell made from a goat's bone is rung.
- B The shofar made from a ram's horn is blown.
- C The seder made from polished glass is blown.
- D A straight horn made from bamboo is blown.

[0 or 1 mark]

6 At Yom Kippur:

- A Jews fast for a maximum 24 hours.
- B Jews fast for a maximum 25 hours.
- C Jews feast for a minimum 12 hours.
- D Food eaten can be non-kosher.

[0 or 1 mark]

- 7 The characteristics of a Sukkot (Succot) include:
- A A climbing tree forms the roof area which allows a clear view of the Plough (Big Dipper) representing harvest.
 - B Leaf cover for the roof should protect from heavy rain but allow stars to be seen at night representing dependence on God and nature.
 - C At least four walls and a maximum seating area of 20 square metres representing shelter from the wind.
 - D The ability to be mobile around the garden or other standing area representing movement in the Exodus.
- [0 or 1 mark]

8 Rosh Hashanah reminds Jews of:

- A Adam and creation.
 - B Jonah and the whale.
 - C The sacrifice of Isaac.
 - D Moses and the Ten Plagues.
- [0 or 1 mark]

9 Crucifixion is:

- A A crucial part of the fiction (story) told by a Christian about Easter (hence cruci-fixion).
 - B A Roman punishment involving a slow painful death.
 - C The burial of Christ's body into the tomb at Easter which became the crucible of his rising.
 - D The meeting of Christ and his disciples after Christ's death at Easter which includes a eucharistic meal.
- [0 or 1 mark]

- 10 The reason for doing without food and water at Yom Kippur is because:
- A The wilderness contained no crops or water supply.
 - B Jews want to show genuine forgiveness through self-discipline.
 - C Going without remembers the ease of losing life, just as people do without food and water before an operation.
 - D Yom Kippur historically was a time of poverty which Jews remember by doing without.
- [0 or 1 mark]

SECTION TWO - ANSWER TRUE OR FALSE: EACH WHOLE STATEMENT MUST BE CORRECT TO BE TRUE.

- 11 The Christian Sabbath falls on the Saturday because it is the last day of the week. [0 or 1 mark]
- 12 Christmas is linked to Easter because at Easter the eating of eggs is supposed to remind Christians of Christ's birth. [0 or 1 mark]
- 13 Yom Kippur celebrates the birth of Moses. [0 or 1 mark]
- 14 Rosh Hashanah is the point where the cycle of reading the Torah ends and begins again (Deuteronomy to Genesis). [0 or 1 mark]
- 15 Christians are required to worship twice every Sunday under the guidance of the Holy Spirit because worship must start and end the day. [0 or 1 mark]
- 16 Sukkot (Succot) is known as the "Season of Our Rejoicing" because it is a happy time, especially contrasted with Yom Kippur which is a sombre and serious time, and so Jews build booths covered by non-edible leaves which they can decorate inside. [0 or 1 mark]
- 17 Easter is the time when Christ is remembered for entering Jerusalem on a donkey, turning 5 loaves and two fishes into a meal for his followers, being arrested, tried by Roman priests, suffering

on the cross, resting in the tomb and appearing to his disciples afterwards. [0 or 1 mark]

- 18 The Book of Life is a feature of Rosh Hashanah and Jews believe that God decides their fate for the year at this time. They say words exactly or like: "May it be your will, O Lord, to grant us a sweet and good year to each other." One effect is that they try to end grudges with one another. [0 or 1 mark]
- 19 Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot (Succot) and Simchat Torah all fall within the one Jewish lunar month of Nisan which usually falls between the solar months March and April. [0 or 1 mark]
- 20 Winter festivals take place around about the date of 22 December in the northern hemisphere of the world because people wish to celebrate the longest day. [0 or 1 mark]

SECTION 3 - ANSWER BOTH ESSAY QUESTIONS.

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- A Describe Sukkot (Succot). [8 marks]
- B Explain the reasons why Jews celebrate Sukkot (Succot) and the meanings it has for them. [7 marks]
- C "*Sukkot makes the Jewish month a happy one.*"
Do you agree with this statement? Give your opinion, showing you have considered other observances in the same lunar month. [5 marks]

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- A What do Christians say happened at the crucifixion and resurrection events? [8 marks]
- B What do Christians add about the causes for and wider impact of events at Easter? [7 marks]
- C "*The Bible claims that the spiritual body of Jesus rose after his death. This means I will live again after my death.*"
Do you agree with this statement? Give your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view regarding different claims and beliefs regarding the possibility of life after death. [5 marks]

Year 9 RE Assessment
SUFFERING, MEANING AND ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

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SECTION 1 - CHOOSE ONE ANSWER ONLY IN EACH QUESTION.

1 *Suffering in Buddhism is known as:*

- A Nirvana.
- B Dukkha.
- C Sanskrit.
- D Bhikkhu.

[0 or 1 mark]

2 *Gotama Buddha was Enlightened under:*

- A The Beech Tree.
- B The Bodhi Tree.
- C The Bodhgaya Trees.
- D The Buddha Tree.

[0 or 1 mark]

3 *The Buddha's life went from:*

- A Luxury to extreme denial to the Middle Way discovered at Enlightenment.
- B Luxury to a life of extreme denial which brought about Enlightenment.
- C Being a servant to having servants known as monks.
- D Denial of God to the acceptance of God revealed to him at his Enlightenment.

[0 or 1 mark]

4 Most Buddhists expect that:

- A They will rise with their bodies on the last day determined by their karma.
- B Unless achieving Enlightenment, an essence of a person lives on in a cycle of existence determined by karma.
- C The soul will rise towards heaven by a small amount each life.
- D The soul enters an agony of half-life in the Universe before returning to inhabit an animal or person.

[0 or 1 mark]

5 The Atonement means:

- A The Christian belief that Christ rose from the dead (which he did not have to do) to proclaim victory over all sinners.
- B The Christian belief that Christ shed blood and died (who being sinless did not have to die) so that people with faith can live (who otherwise must die in sin).
- C The Jewish-Christian belief that Christ was the Messiah who at once meant that death is ultimately an illusion.
- D The Buddhist view that dying is like a tone meant to be played in karmic meditative pitch.

[0 or 1 mark]

6 The resurrection means for Christians:

- A Rising in a spiritual body (according to St. Paul) and appearing to the disciples and others to underline important beliefs for the new (Christian) way ahead.
- B Christ walking in his flesh, bones and painful injuries after leaving the tomb where he rested.
- C Jesus Christ turning into the Holy Spirit to guide his Church for evermore.
- D Jesus Christ returning at the last day in power and glory to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth.

[0 or 1 mark]

7 For Christians, life after death means:

- A Rising on the last day and/ or entering into heaven.
- B The soul leaving the dead body to move into another body of a conceived embryo.
- C Living in the Kingdom of God created on this earth by social and religious action.
- D Entering a white light tunnel and travelling with the company of angels to where human ancestors reside.

[0 or 1 mark]

8 The theology behind the work of Christian Aid suggests that:

- A Angels travel down to visit glad tidings on the earth.
- B The Kingdom of God can be built on this earth, brought about or at least assisted through human action.
- C God does not exist and that Christians are now atheists because all prayer becomes charitable work.
- D God decreed Christians must practice First Aid in the sense of doing his essential work for him.

[0 or 1 mark]

9 The Passover is precisely when:

- A The Hebrews passed over from Persia to Canaan led by Abraham having suffered for their belief in One God.
- B The Hebrews had left Egypt and slavery and passed over the wilderness and Mount Sinai led by Moses.
- C The Angel of Death passed over the Hebrews killing the Egyptian first born, being the tenth plague, thus allowing the Hebrews at last to be freed from slavery.
- D The Angel of death, following the tenth plague of children dying, led the Hebrews out of Egypt killing the pursuing Egyptians at the Sea of Reeds.

[0 or 1 mark]

- 10 The central belief of Orthodox Jews and life after death is:
- A Jews when they die go directly to heaven to sit with God.
 - B Jews when they die should be buried and may turn to dust but are able to rise on the last day with their bodies.
 - C All Jews exist after death in the pit called Sheol forever.
 - D At the point of death the soul leaves one body and enters the embryo inside a Jewish mother.
- [0 or 1 mark]

SECTION TWO - ANSWER TRUE OR FALSE: EACH WHOLE STATEMENT MUST BE CORRECT TO BE TRUE.

- 11 The Holocaust was the only time Jews suffered persecution and death. [0 or 1 mark]
- 12 In the first seven days of mourning Jews cover or turn around mirrors and sit on low stools or on the floor in family gatherings receiving visitors to talk about the dead person. [0 or 1 mark]
- 13 In the Seder meal at Yom Kippur, dipping fingers into salt water and eating matzot recalls the Jews moving in exile all around the world (by sea and dry land). [0 or 1 mark]
- 14 Most Christians believe that Christ died and rose at Easter and that this demonstration means that with faith life after death is available for them too. . [0 or 1 mark]
- 15 Christian Aid has the slogan "life before death" for the principle reason that it contains non-Christians as members who will not want to follow Christian teachings. . [0 or 1 mark]
- 16 Nirvana is the pure state beyond suffering reached by Buddhists when they become as one with God. [0 or 1 mark]
- 17 For a Buddhist, seeking everlasting life is to experience suffering

because this is a desire or craving for life to be permanent when life clearly is not permanent. [0 or 1 mark]

- 18 The Christian life means following the teachings and examples of Jesus and suffer if necessary in upholding these. [0 or 1 mark]
- 19 Because the Passover has agricultural roots in crops and lambing, some of its meanings include God's control of nature and new life in spring as well as God's control of history. [0 or 1 mark]
- 20 Christians think that because Jesus Christ was better than anyone else they are better than anyone else too. [0 or 1 mark]

SECTION 3 - ANSWER BOTH ESSAY QUESTIONS.

21

- A What happened both leading up to and at the Holocaust? [8 marks]
- B Describe how this can compare with at least one other time of suffering by the Jews. [7 marks]
- C "*The Holocaust was bound to the end faith in God of many Jews.*"
Do you agree with this statement? Give your opinion, showing you have considered the point of view that other Jews retained faith in God (consistent with the Jewish tradition of suffering). [5 marks]

22

- A What happened at the Passover and what was the Exodus? [8 marks]
- B Describe the link between at least two foods of the Seder service to the experience of Passover and Exodus. [7 marks]
- C "*Passover is the most important festival for the Jews to celebrate because it tells them who they are.*"
Do you agree with this statement? Give your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view regarding other festivals and Jewish identity. [5 marks]