

## **QUIZ QUESTIONS to accompany World Religions in Practice**

### **CHAPTER 10: YEAR**

1. In Buddhism the “turning of the wheel” refers to Buddha’s
  - A. birth
  - B. enlightenment
  - C. first sermon
  - D. death
2. The colour for Catholic services during “ordinary time” is
  - A. green
  - B. white
  - C. red
  - D. purple
3. Losar is a New Year Festival in
  - A. Buddhism
  - B. Hinduism
  - C. Judaism
  - D. Islam
4. The Western version of the Eastern Orthodox season known as Winter Lent is
  - A. Advent
  - B. Christmas
  - C. Lent
  - D. Easter
5. Caturmasya refers to a period in the Hindu calendar of
  - A. one week
  - B. one month
  - C. four months
  - D. six months
6. The fast of Ramadan ends with
  - A. Id al-Adha
  - B. Id al-Fitr
  - C. the Night of Power
  - D. Mawlid an-Nabi
7. Vesak occurs
  - A. on a full moon in May-June
  - B. on a new moon in October-November
  - C. one week after New Year’s Day
  - D. one month after the wet season

8. Ashura commemorates the death of
  - A. Muhammad
  - B. Abu Bakr
  - C. Hussain
  - D. Fatima
9. The period between New Year and Yom Kippur is
  - A. 7 days
  - B. 10 days
  - C. 40 days
  - D. 100 days
10. Sukkoth is characterised by
  - A. avoiding all leaven
  - B. drinking excessive amounts of alcohol
  - C. building small booths
  - D. strict fasting
11. Vassa occurs during
  - A. Lent
  - B. Passover
  - C. Ramadan
  - D. the monsoon season
12. The Jewish feast which celebrates the gift of the Torah is
  - A. Passover
  - B. Shavuot
  - C. Yom Kippur
  - D. Purim
13. Hanukkah lasts for
  - A. 3 days
  - B. 8 days
  - C. 12 days
  - D. 40 days
14. Navaratri literally means
  - A. band of protection
  - B. row of lights
  - C. nine nights
  - D. spinning wheel
15. The Julian Calendar is used by
  - A. Catholics
  - B. Anglicans
  - C. Baptists

D. Orthodox Christians

16. The ninth of Av commemorates the
- A. destruction of the first and second Temples
  - B. escape from Egypt
  - C. flight to Medina
  - D. victory of the Maccabeans
17. The Islamic Year One corresponds to the
- A. birth of Muhammad
  - B. death of Muhammad
  - C. mystical journey of Muhammad
  - D. Hijra
18. Mardi Gras literally means
- A. Good Friday
  - B. Cheese Sunday
  - C. Fat Tuesday
  - D. Ash Wednesday
19. The festival at which Hindus welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity is
- A. Divali
  - B. Dussehra
  - C. Mahashivaratri
  - D. Rakhi Bandan
20. Which month of the Islamic year is Ramadan?
- A. first
  - B. sixth
  - C. ninth
  - D. twelfth
21. Ancestors' Fortnight is a feature of which religious calendar?
- A. Hindu
  - B. Buddhist
  - C. Jewish
  - D. Christian
22. The Islamic year is shorter than other religious calendars because it
- A. has 11 lunar months
  - B. has 12 lunar months
  - C. has a shorter week
  - D. follows the Julian calendar
23. A prominent feature of Holi is
- A. fasting

- B. changing the sacred thread
- C. praying for the dead
- D. spraying coloured water

24. The date of Christmas is based on a pagan festival celebrating

- A. the birth of the emperor
- B. the winter solstice
- C. the spring equinox
- D. the end of the harvest season

25. Vesak, Asalha Puja and Magha Puja are named after

- A. Buddha's first disciples
- B. Hindu months
- C. principle Hindu gods
- D. important Buddhist sites