

QUIZ QUESTIONS to accompany World Religions in Practice

Chapter 2: Book

1. The oldest layer of Hindu scriptures is the
 - A. Upanishads
 - B. Puranas
 - C. Vedas
 - D. Mahabharata
2. The term Qur'an is derived from an Arabic word meaning
 - A. to obey
 - B. to recite
 - C. to bow
 - D. to rule
3. The Pali Canon is so named because it was first compiled
 - A. in the town of Pali
 - B. by the monk Pali
 - C. in the Pali language
 - D. in the Pali school
4. The Jewish Bible contains 24 books, traditionally arranged into how many sections?
 - A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 7
 - D. 12
5. The Diatessaron of Tatian is an example of:
 - A. an epistle
 - B. a harmonized gospel
 - C. an apocalypse
 - D. a history of the early church
6. Scholars believe that the oldest canonical gospel is
 - A. Matthew
 - B. Mark
 - C. Luke
 - D. John
7. The Vinaya Pitaka contains
 - A. monastic rules
 - B. a philosophical system
 - C. the Buddha's teachings
 - D. stories from the Buddha's life

8. The oldest and most important Veda is the
- A. Rg
 - B. Sama
 - C. Atharva
 - D. Yajur
9. The three 'synoptic gospels' are:
- A. Matthew, Mark and Luke
 - B. Matthew, Luke and John
 - C. Mark, Luke and John
 - D. Matthew, Mark and John
10. The Hebrew name for the entire Jewish bible is
- A. Tanach
 - B. Torah
 - C. Talmud
 - D. Hanukkah
11. Al-Fatiha is
- A. a title of Muhammad
 - B. the opening chapter of the Qur'an
 - C. another name for the Qur'an
 - D. another name for the angel Gabriel
12. The heart of the Rg Veda is a collection of
- A. hymns
 - B. social laws
 - C. ritual rules
 - D. proverbs
13. The Torah is also known as
- A. Genesis
 - B. the Holy Ark
 - C. aliyah
 - D. the Pentateuch
14. The close companion of the Buddha who is said to have memorized his teachings was:
- A. Upali
 - B. Ashoka
 - C. Ananda
 - D. Kwanyin
15. The hypothetical source "Q" supposedly contained:
- A. stories of Jesus' birth

- B. an account of Jesus' death
 - C. teachings of Jesus
 - D. accounts of Jesus' miracles
16. The special parchment used for a Torah scroll is called a
- A. yad
 - B. gevil
 - C. cohen
 - D. mitzvot
17. An example of "shruti" literature is the
- A. Rg Veda
 - B. Laws of Manu
 - C. Ramayana
 - D. Kamasutra
18. The Jewish feast of Simhat Torah marks
- A. the presentation of the Torah to Moses
 - B. the end of the annual cycle of Torah readings
 - C. the final canonization of the Jewish scriptures
 - D. the day for bar mitzvah ceremonies
19. The chapters of the Qur'an are basically arranged according to:
- A. topic
 - B. age
 - C. length
 - D. none of the above
20. Marcion proposed that
- A. only the gospel of Matthew be included in the New Testament
 - B. all of Saint Paul's letters be excluded from the New Testament
 - C. the Jewish scriptures be included in the Christian bible
 - D. all Jewish writings be excluded from the Christian bible
21. The Arabic name for a chapter in the Qur'an is
- A. sharif
 - B. surah
 - C. sufi
 - D. hafiz
22. The two Torah books which are essentially law codes are:
- A. Genesis and Exodus
 - B. Leviticus and Numbers
 - C. Exodus and Numbers
 - D. Leviticus and Deuteronomy

23. The two main characters in the Bhagavad Gita are:
- A. Vishnu and Shiva
 - B. Brahma and Indra
 - C. Arjuna and Krishna
 - D. Ghandi and Nehru
24. Historians believe that the first full written edition of the Qur'an was produced
- A. during Muhammad's lifetime
 - B. within a year of Muhammad's death
 - C. about twenty years after Muhammad's death
 - D. about one hundred years after Muhammad's death
25. Stories concerning the Buddha's previous lives can be found in the:
- A. Abhidhamma Pitaka
 - B. Jataka Tales
 - C. Lotus Sutra
 - D. Dhammapada