

World Religions in the Pacific Islands

World Religions · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which religion has the largest number of followers across the Pacific Island nations today?

- A) Hinduism
- B) Christianity**
- C) Buddhism
- D) Islam

2. In Maori culture, what is the spiritual term used to describe a person's spiritual power, prestige, or life force?

- A) Mana**
- B) Haka
- C) Kiwi
- D) Aloha

3. One of the eight global Baha'i Houses of Worship is located in which Pacific Island nation?

- A) Palau
- B) Nauru
- C) Samoa**
- D) Kiribati

4. What is the name of the sacred communal and ritual meeting place in Maori and other Polynesian cultures?

- A) Igloo
- B) Marae**
- C) Longhouse
- D) Tepee

5. The religious festival of Diwali is a public holiday in Fiji due to its large population of which group?

- A) Indo-Fijians**
- B) Native Hawaiians
- C) Samoans
- D) Maori

6. Which English word comes from the Polynesian term 'Tapu,' which refers to something being sacred or restricted?

- A) Temple
- B) Taboo**
- C) Totem
- D) Talisman

7. The 'John Frum' movement, a famous local religious movement known as a Cargo Cult, is found in which country?

- A) Vanuatu**
- B) Solomon Islands
- C) Tuvalu
- D) Marshall Islands

8. In 2017, which Pacific nation amended its constitution to officially declare itself a Christian state?

- A) Japan
- B) Thailand
- C) Samoa**
- D) Egypt

9. Which religious group built a famous temple in Laie, Hawaii, in 1919, marking its long history in the Pacific?

- A) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**
- B) The Sikh Khalsa
- C) The Buddhist Sangha
- D) The Jewish Rabbinate

10. Traditional religions in Melanesia often involve the veneration of whom?

- A) Greek gods
- B) Ancestors**
- C) Ice giants
- D) Roman emperors