

Foundations of Theological Studies

Theology · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which sacred text serves as the primary collection of writings for the Hindu tradition?

- A) The Vedas**
- B) The Quran
- C) The Torah
- D) The Lotus Sutra

2. In Christian theology, what does the term 'Incarnation' specifically refer to?

- A) The creation of the world
- B) The birth of Jesus as God in human form**
- C) The process of sainthood
- D) The interpretation of scripture

3. What is the central ethical concept in Buddhism that refers to the law of cause and effect?

- A) Nirvana
- B) Dharma
- C) Karma**
- D) Sangha

4. Which prophet is central to the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

- A) Moses
- B) Abraham**
- C) Noah
- D) David

5. What are the Five Pillars of Islam?

- A) Core beliefs and practices of Muslim life**
- B) The five books of the Torah
- C) The stages of enlightenment
- D) The names of the major prophets

6. Which council in 325 AD established the doctrine of the Trinity in early Christianity?

- A) Council of Trent
- B) Council of Chalcedon
- C) Council of Nicaea**
- D) Council of Vatican I

7. In Jewish tradition, what is the 'Tanakh'?

- A) The Talmudic commentary
- B) The Hebrew Bible**
- C) The mystical Kabbalah
- D) The collection of temple laws

8. What does the term 'Monotheism' mean?

- A) Belief in many gods
- B) Belief in one god**
- C) Belief in no gods
- D) Belief in nature spirits

9. The 'Four Noble Truths' are foundational to which religious tradition?

- A) Sikhism
- B) Jainism
- C) Buddhism**
- D) Shinto

10. Which major branch of Christianity resulted from the 16th-century Reformation led by Martin Luther?

- A) Eastern Orthodoxy
- B) Roman Catholicism
- C) Protestantism**
- D) Anglicanism

11. What is the 'Torah' in Judaism?

- A) The oral tradition
- B) The first five books of the Hebrew Bible**
- C) The prophetic writings
- D) The historical chronicles

12. In Sikhism, what is the name of the final living Guru that became the eternal scripture?

- A) Guru Nanak
- B) Guru Gobind Singh
- C) Guru Granth Sahib**
- D) Guru Arjan

13. The concept of 'Ahimsa' or non-violence is a core tenet of which two Indian religions?

A) Buddhism and Jainism

B) Sikhism and Islam

C) Hinduism and Shinto

D) Confucianism and Taoism

14. What is the 'Hajj' in Islamic practice?

A) A mandatory daily prayer

B) A pilgrimage to Mecca

C) The month of fasting

D) The charitable tax

15. In theology, what is 'Theodicy' the study of?

A) The nature of human morality

B) The justification of God in the face of evil

C) The structure of church hierarchy

D) The history of monasticism

16. Which city is considered the holiest site in Islam?

A) Jerusalem

B) Medina

C) Mecca

D) Baghdad

17. What are the 'Upanishads' in Hindu literature?

A) Ritualistic hymns

B) Philosophical treatises on the nature of reality

C) The epic stories of Rama

D) Laws regarding social caste

18. The 'Vatican' is the administrative center for which Christian denomination?

A) Eastern Orthodox

B) Roman Catholic

C) Coptic Church

D) Methodist

19. Which religious tradition originated in ancient Japan and focuses on the veneration of 'Kami'?

- A) Taoism
- B) Shinto**
- C) Zen Buddhism
- D) Confucianism

20. What does the term 'Eschatology' refer to in theological study?

- A) The study of the afterlife and end times**
- B) The study of the priesthood
- C) The interpretation of parables
- D) The study of sin and redemption