

Foundations of Theological Studies

Theology · Practice Test · 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