

World Religions: Geographical and Global Insights

World Religions · Answer Key · 23 Questions

1. Which continent is generally considered the birthplace of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?

- A) Africa
- B) Europe
- C) Asia**
- D) South America

2. The majority of the world's Hindu population resides in which country?

- A) Nepal
- B) Bangladesh
- C) India**
- D) Sri Lanka

3. Buddhism, originating in ancient India, has its largest following today primarily in which region?

- A) Sub-Saharan Africa
- B) East Asia and Southeast Asia**
- C) North America
- D) Australia

4. Mecca, the holiest city in Islam, is located in which modern-day country?

- A) Iran
- B) Egypt
- C) Saudi Arabia**
- D) Turkey

5. Shinto, an indigenous religion, is primarily practiced in which island nation?

- A) South Korea
- B) Philippines
- C) Indonesia
- D) Japan**

6. The Vatican City, the spiritual and administrative center of the Catholic Church, is an independent enclave within which European capital city?

- A) Paris
- B) Rome**
- C) Madrid
- D) Berlin

7. Sikhism originated in the Punjab region, which is now divided between which two countries?

A) India and Pakistan

B) India and Nepal

C) Pakistan and Afghanistan

D) Bangladesh and Myanmar

8. The largest concentration of Zoroastrianism followers today is found in which country, though it originated in ancient Persia?

A) Pakistan

B) India

C) Iraq

D) Syria

9. The Dead Sea, a significant site in Abrahamic religions, lies between which two modern nations?

A) Israel and Lebanon

B) Jordan and Syria

C) Israel and Jordan

D) Egypt and Saudi Arabia

10. Which European country has the highest percentage of its population identifying as Catholic?

A) France

B) Italy

C) Spain

D) Poland

11. The Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib), a central pilgrimage site for Sikhs, is located in which Indian city?

A) Delhi

B) Mumbai

C) Amritsar

D) Kolkata

12. The majority of the world's Orthodox Christian population is found in which region?

A) Western Europe

B) Eastern Europe and the Balkans

C) Scandinavia

D) The Iberian Peninsula

13. Which country is home to the majority of the world's roughly 15 million Bahá'í Faith adherents?

- A) United States
- B) Canada
- C) India**
- D) Israel

14. The ancient city of Jerusalem, considered holy by Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, is located in:

- A) Egypt
- B) Jordan
- C) Israel**
- D) Syria

15. Which religion, founded by Guru Nanak, has its origins in the Punjab region of the Indian subcontinent?

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

16. The Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, resides in exile in which country?

- A) Nepal
- B) Bhutan
- C) India**
- D) Mongolia

17. The Boxers, a militant group that targeted Christian missionaries and converts, were active in which country during the late 19th and early 20th centuries?

- A) Japan
- B) Korea
- C) China**
- D) Vietnam

18. Which island nation has a significant population of Buddhists and is known for its ancient stupas and temples?

- A) Maldives
- B) Sri Lanka**
- C) Madagascar
- D) Cuba

19. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormonism) has its headquarters and a significant following in which U.S. state?

- A) California
- B) Texas
- C) Arizona
- D) Utah**

20. The Kaaba, the most sacred site in Islam, is located in which city, a major pilgrimage destination?

- A) Medina
- B) Jerusalem
- C) Mecca**
- D) Cairo

21. The Great Synagogue of Florence, a prominent example of Neo-Moorish architecture, is a major Jewish religious site in which country?

- A) Spain
- B) Italy**
- C) Greece
- D) Portugal

22. The majority of the world's Jewish population resides in which two countries?

- A) France and Canada
- B) Israel and the United States**
- C) United Kingdom and Australia
- D) Germany and Russia

23. The ancient city of Lumbini, the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha), is located in which modern-day country?

- A) India
- B) Bhutan
- C) Nepal**
- D) Bangladesh