

Nature and Animal Symbolism in Cultural Studies

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1. In ancient Egyptian culture, the scarab beetle was primarily symbolic of which of the following concepts?

- A) The rising sun and rebirth**
- B) The harvest season
- C) Military conquest
- D) The afterlife of warriors

2. Which flightless bird is depicted on the Coat of Arms of Australia, representing a nation that historically moves 'forward'?

- A) Cassowary
- B) Emu**
- C) Kakaapo
- D) Kiwi

3. In Hindu cultural tradition, which animal is considered sacred and is associated with the deity Ganesha?

- A) The Cow
- B) The Elephant**
- C) The Tiger
- D) The Peacock

4. The 'Totem' poles of the Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast often feature which bird at the top, representing prestige and status?

- A) Raven
- B) Eagle**
- C) Owl
- D) Hawk

5. Which mythical creature, often featured in medieval European heraldry, is composed of the body of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle?

- A) Chimera
- B) Griffin**
- C) Sphinx
- D) Manticore

6. In Japanese culture, the 'koinobori' (carp streamers) are flown during Children's Day to symbolize which trait in children?

A) Wisdom and patience

B) Strength and perseverance

C) Kindness and humility

D) Wealth and prosperity

7. The ancient practice of 'falconry,' recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage, involves which relationship?

A) Domesticating wolves

B) Hunting with trained birds of prey

C) Herding sheep with hawks

D) Protecting crops from insects

8. In Celtic mythology, which animal was often depicted as a messenger between the mortal world and the Otherworld?

A) The Hare

B) The Badger

C) The Otter

D) The Hedgehog

9. The 'Year of the Rabbit' is a recurring cycle in which cultural calendar?

A) Mayan Calendar

B) Chinese Zodiac

C) Islamic Calendar

D) Hindu Solar Calendar

10. In traditional Inuit culture, the 'Inukshuk' stone landmarks were historically built to assist in the migration and hunting of which animal?

A) Polar Bear

B) Caribou

C) Walrus

D) Arctic Fox

11. Which animal was famously associated with the goddess Athena in Ancient Greek culture, serving as a symbol of wisdom?

A) Dove

B) Owl

C) Peacock

D) Snake

12. The 'Golden Eagle' is the national bird of which modern country, reflecting its cultural history and geography?

A) Mexico

B) France

C) Vietnam

D) Japan