

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