

Nature and Animals in World Religions

World Religions · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. In Hinduism, which animal is considered sacred and is often seen roaming freely in streets?

- A) Cow**
- B) Elephant
- C) Tiger
- D) Monkey

2. In Islamic tradition, which animal is mentioned as being saved by the Prophet Muhammad from thirst in a famous story?

- A) Dog
- B) Cat**
- C) Horse
- D) Camel

3. In Buddhism, what is the core principle that encourages non-violence towards all living beings, including animals?

- A) Ahimsa**
- B) Karma
- C) Dharma
- D) Zen

4. Which animal is considered sacred in ancient Egyptian religion and was often mummified?

- A) Cat**
- B) Snake
- C) Eagle
- D) Sheep

5. In Jainism, followers often practice strict vegetarianism to avoid harming what?

- A) Plants
- B) Animals
- C) Insects
- D) All of the above**

6. Which animal is frequently associated with the Hindu god Ganesha?

- A) Mouse**
- B) Lion
- C) Peacock
- D) Snake

7. In many Native American spiritual traditions, which large animal is often honored for providing food, clothing, and tools?

A) Bison

- B) Bear
- C) Wolf
- D) Eagle

8. In Shinto, which animal is considered a messenger of the deity Inari?

A) Fox

- B) Rabbit
- C) Deer
- D) Crane

9. Which bird is often associated with the Holy Spirit in Christian iconography?

A) Dove

- B) Owl
- C) Hawk
- D) Raven

10. In Hinduism, the peacock is the vehicle or 'vahana' for which deity?

A) Kartikeya

- B) Vishnu
- C) Shiva
- D) Brahma

11. Which animal is considered a sacred messenger in Tibetan Buddhism and is often depicted in art?

A) Snow Leopard

B) Yak

- C) Goat
- D) Rabbit

12. In the zodiac systems used in many East Asian cultures, how many animals represent the years?

A) 12

- B) 10
- C) 7
- D) 5

13. In some traditions, which tree is considered sacred and is often the site of meditation or enlightenment?

A) Bodhi Tree

- B) Oak Tree
- C) Pine Tree
- D) Palm Tree

14. Which insect is sometimes used in religious metaphors to represent hard work and community?

A) Ant

- B) Butterfly
- C) Dragonfly
- D) Beetle

15. In the story of Noah's Ark, which bird is sent out to check for land?

A) Raven

- B) Eagle
- C) Owl
- D) Parrot

16. In Hinduism, the river Ganga (Ganges) is personified as which goddess?

A) Ganga

- B) Lakshmi
- C) Saraswati
- D) Parvati

17. Which animal is associated with the Hindu goddess Durga as her mount?

A) Tiger

- B) Elephant
- C) Cow
- D) Bull

18. In many religions, the lotus flower is a symbol of what?

A) Purity

- B) Danger
- C) Speed
- D) Silence

19. In some Indigenous Australian traditions, the Rainbow Serpent is a powerful figure associated with which element?

A) Water

B) Fire

C) Air

D) Desert

20. Which animal is often associated with the Hindu deity Shiva as his mount?

A) Bull

B) Horse

C) Monkey

D) Tiger