World Religions: Origins and Discoveries

World Religions · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which ancient religion is often credited with the development of the earliest known form of writing, cuneiform, in Mesopotamia?

A) Sumerian Religion
B) Buddhism
C) Shinto
D) Jainism

2. The Vedas, which are among the oldest religious texts still in use, belong to which tradition?

A) Taoism
B) Hinduism
C) Islam
D) Sikhism

3. Which religion was the first to introduce the concept of monotheism as a central tenet in the ancient Middle East?

A) Zoroastrianism
B) Judaism
C) Confucianism
D) Shinto

4. In which country did the discovery of the first Buddhist stupas, architectural structures used to house relics, begin?

A) India
B) Japan
C) Thailand
D) China

5. The invention of paper making, which helped spread religious texts globally, was significantly advanced by monks in which country?

A) Egypt
B) China
C) Greece
D) Italy

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6. Which major religion is historically associated with the development of the decimal system and the concept of zero in mathematics?

A) Hinduism
B) Christianity
C) Buddhism
D) Taoism

7. The 'Great Schism' of 1054 was a landmark event that formally split which branch of Christianity?

A) Catholic and Orthodox
B) Protestant and Catholic
C) Anglican and Baptist
D) Lutheran and Calvinist

8. Which ancient civilization developed the first major solar calendar, which was later adapted for use by various religious institutions?

A) Egyptian
B) Mayan
C) Roman
D) Babylonian

9. Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, is historically recognized for being the first to promote which practice as a path to enlightenment?

A) The Eightfold Path
B) The Ten Commandments
C) The Five Pillars
D) The Four Books

10. Which religion introduced the first extensive use of intricate geometric patterns in architecture, now known as Islamic geometric patterns?

A) Islam
B) Hinduism
C) Judaism
D) Sikhism

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