**Chapter 11 – Test Bank**

# Multiple-Choice Questions

1.A general name for several movements that attempt to reestablisha pre-Christian European nature religionis

a.Polytheistic Reconstructionism.

b.Esbat.

c.Bible Belt.

d.Contemporary Paganism.

Answer: d

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2.The word *pagan* comes from *pagus,* a Latin word that means

a.nature.

b.unbeliever.

c.circle.

d.countryside.

Answer: d

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3.The eight significant annual festivals of Wicca are called

a.Esbats.

b.Sabbats.

c.Ovates.

d.Solstices.

Answer: b

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4.A coven is

a.an offering of salt and water made to the goddess of love.

b.a Wiccan name for walking around an altar in a circle.

c.a local group of Wiccan practitioners.

d.a prayer made to one of the four directions.

Answer: c

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5.In Wicca, the name of the midwinter solstice festival is

a.Ostara.

b.Beltane.

c.Litha.

d.Yule.

Answer: d

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6.A term used in Wicca to describe its maxim that an act is allowable if it does no harm is

a.Sabbat.

b.Esbat.

c.Santería.

d.Rede.

Answer: d

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7.A form of contemporary paganism that is popular in England is

a.Odinism.

b.Druidism.

c.Gnosticism.

d.Illuminism.

Answer: b

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8.The early Druids were written about by the

a.Greeks.

b.Romans.

c.Mongols.

d.Magyars.

Answer: b

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9.The Druids apparently worshipped

a.a family of ten gods.

b.at least thirty gods of nature.

c.two principal complementary deities, a god and a goddess.

d.one High God.

Answer: b

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10.Literally, *Druid* is thought to mean

a.ocean-light vision.

b.day-star knowledge.

c.oak-tree wisdom.

d.coiled-serpent classic.

Answer: c

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11.The English site used by modern Druids for their summer solstice rituals is

a.Lindisfarne.

b.Iona.

c.Weston-super-Mare.

d.Stonehenge.

Answer: d

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12.The Yoruba religion

a.was appreciated and protected by European colonizers.

b.did not mix with other religions.

c.has many similarities with Buddhism.

d.exists in West Africa.

Answer: d

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13.The gods of the Yoruba-derived religions are often called

a.ascended masters.

b.santeros.

c.babalawos.

d.orishas.

Answer: d

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14.Sometimes, when Santería practitioners are in trance,

a.they magically become a god, with some of the god’s characteristics.

b.they throw themselves on knives without being harmed.

c.they draw sacred images on palm leaves, which are then burnt during a service.

d.they see complex geometrical designs in their imaginations.

Answer: a

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15.A Yoruba-based religion that developed in Cuba and was influenced by Spanish Catholicism is

a.Santería.

b.Theosophy.

c.Wicca.

d.Baha’i.

Answer: a

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16.The author of *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine*is

a.Henry Steel Olcott.

b.Charles Leadbeater.

c.Shoghi Effendi.

d.Helena Blavatsky.

Answer: d

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17.Literally, *Theosophy* means

a.deep insight.

b.internal theory.

c.eternal philosophy.

d.divine wisdom.

Answer: d

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18.Theosophy shows many similarities to

a.Pure Land Buddhism.

b.Sunni Islam.

c.Hindu Vedanta.

d.Orthodox Judaism.

Answer: c

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19.One of the founders of Theosophy was

a.Helena Blavatsky.

b.JidduKrishnamurti.

c.Rudolf Steiner.

d.Annie Besant.

Answer: a

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20.The founder of Anthroposophy was

a.Rudolf Steiner.

b.L. Ron Hubbard.

c.Annie Besant.

d.JidduKrishnamurti.

Answer: a

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21.Eurhythmy is the name in Theosophy for a spiritually oriented form of

a.dressing.

b.singing.

c.dancing.

d.community work.

Answer: c

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22.The Church Universal and Triumphant combines elements of Theosophy and

a.Cao Dai.

b.Shinto.

c.Islam.

d.Christianity.

Answer: d

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23.A modern religion that promotes a process of focusing thought and clarifying life goals is

a. Wicca.

b. Rastafarianism.

c. Scientology.

d. Voodoo.

Answer: c

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24.The founder of Scientology was

a.Charles Leadbeater.

b.L. Ron Hubbard.

c.JidduKrishnamurti.

d.Elizabeth Clare Prophet.

Answer: b

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25.The Bridge is the name for

a.a diagram of the stages towardpersonal liberation in Scientology.

b.the founder of Scientology.

c.the world center of Scientology.

d.the official journal of Scientology.

Answer: a

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26.In Scientology, the person at the beginning of the Bridge is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, and the person who has reached a state of mental liberation is called a(n)\_\_\_\_\_.

a.finite; definite

b.astral body; clairvoyant

c.moksha; nirvana

d.pre-clear; operating thetan

Answer: d

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27. In Scientology, a counselor who, through a series of questions, works to guide a person to greater self-understanding is called a(n)

a. auditor.

b. bard.

c. ovate.

d. ocha.

Answer: a

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28.What is the name of the founder of Falun Gong?

a.Kong Fuzi

b.Ngo Van Chieu

c.Li Hongzhi

d.Sun Yat-sen

Answer: c

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29.The major practice of Falun Gong is

a.a series of five exercises, performed while standing and sitting.

b.attendance at monthly martial arts sessions, held at the time of the full moon.

c.a daily chant at a home altar, using the mantra “Nam myohorengekyo.”

d.writing weekly in a journal aboutspiritual insights and self-examination.

Answer: a

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30.Literally, *Falun Gong* means

a.deep-sight instrument.

b.law-wheel energy.

c.spirit-vision way.

d.cloud-mountain insight.

Answer: b

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31. An invisible spiritual wheel, believed by followers of amodern Chinese religion to spin in the abdominal region, distilling and spreading energy from the universe, is called a(n)

a. falun.

b. engram.

c. e-meter.

d. loa.

Answer: a

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32.A syncretic religion that began in Vietnam and that blends Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, and Catholic Christianity is

a.Candomblé.

b.Cao Dai.

c.Falun Gong.

d.Shangó.

Answer: b

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33.In a vision, the founder of Cao Dai saw what?

a.a church tower beginning to fall over

b.a small tree, growing up into the sky and getting filledwith birds

c.a large eye appearing in the air

d.a dragon that had in its mouth a pearl, surrounded by flames

Answer: c

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34.The organizational structure of Cao Dai is influenced strongly by

a.Roman Catholicism.

b.Shinto.

c.Methodism.

d.Theosophy.

Answer: a

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35.Cao Dai speaks of how many “alliances”?

a.one

b.three

c.ten

d.twenty-four

Answer: b

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36.\_\_\_\_\_ is a religion that began in Jamaica in the 1920s to emphasize African pride, and it considers Haile Selassie to be divine.

a.Santería

b.Qigong

c.Rastafarianism

d.Voodoo

Answer: c

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37.The name *Rastafarianism*

a.comes from the name of a government leader.

b.means “lion of Judah” in Amharic, the language of Ethiopia.

c.presents the goal of the movement and means “self-pride” in Swahili, the language of EastAfrica.

d.is a nickname given to the religion by its detractors.

Answer: a

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38.Rastafarianism makes frequent use of what book?

a.The Qur’an

b.*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*

c.The Christian Bible

d.*A Course in Miracles*

Answer: c

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39.A well-known representative of Rastafarianism was

a.Margaret Thatcher.

b.Bob Marley.

c.Ngo Van Chieu.

d.Sun Yat-sen.

Answer: b

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40.Reggae is

a.the type of music associated with Rastafarianism.

b.the name for the special flag of Rastafarianism.

c.the type of hairstyle common among Rastafarians.

d.the name for a Rastafarian religious service.

Answer: a

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41.A modern monotheistic religion that grew out of Islam and emphasizes unity and equality of individuals, cultures, and religions is

a.Cao Dai.

b.Judaism.

c.Baha’i.

d.Zoroastrianism.

Answer: c

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42.The word *Bab* is the title given to the forerunner of the founder of Baha’i. The title means

a.moon.

b.star.

c.light.

d.gate.

Answer: d

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43.The religion of Baha’i is universalistic, andthey propagate the idea of

a.a single world bank.

b.an international storehouse of food.

c.an organization to exploit biodiversity.

d.a single world government.

Answer: d

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44.The founder of Baha’iwrote innumerable letters to his followers and public letters to world leaders in which

a.he outlinedpractical ideas for a future of human harmony.

b.he stressed onthe significance of regional governments.

c.he shared scripts forplays that focus on the mystical elements of all religions.

d.he distributedmusical lyricsmeant to accompany Sufi dancing.

Answer: a

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45.The Baha’i religious calendar

a.has 19 months of 19 days.

b.is a lunar calendar of 13 months.

c.is the standard calendar of the West, with the addition of the birthdays of the Bab and of the founder.

d.has 10 months of 36 days each, with 5 days added before the New Year, which begins inautumn.

Answer: a

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# Essay Topics

46.Explain three ways in which new religious movements arise.

47.What are two key differences between a sect and a cult?

48.What are the three ideals or goals of Contemporary Paganism? Please explain them.

49.List and explain the eight seasonal celebrations of Wicca.

50.Give four ways in which native African Yoruba religion and Roman Catholicism are similar; then explain how these similarities helped the Yoruba-based native religions from Africa blend with Roman Catholicism to create Santería and Voodoo.

51.Describe the beliefs and goals of Theosophy. How were these beliefs and goals modified by Anthroposophy and by JidduKrishnamurti?

52.List and explain four beliefs of Scientology.

53.Give five special terms used in Scientology, and explain what they mean.

54.Describe the origin, beliefs, and practices of Falun Gong. Why has it suffered recent persecution?

55.Describe the origin, beliefs, and practices of Cao Dai.

56.Discuss the role that these three figures played in the development and spread of Rastafarianism: (a) Marcus Garvey,(b) Haile Selassie, and(c) Bob Marley.

57.Discuss the origins of Baha’i, mentioning major events in the life of Baha’u’llah.

58.Give and explain five beliefs of Baha’i. What similarities and differences do you see when comparing Baha’i with Islam?

59.Identify four elements that are frequently found in the new religious movements, and explain how each element appears to satisfy contemporary needs.