

How to use this sheet. Anchor each festival to one faith or event. Remember Puri is NOT a Kumbh Mela site.

Quick reference — Kumbh Mela sites: Haridwar, Prayagraj, Ujjain, Nashik · Baisakhi = harvest + Khalsa Panth founding, 1699

Section A

1. Diwali is popularly known as the festival of:

(1) Colours (2) Harvest (3) Lights (4) Music

2. Holi is popularly known as the festival of:

(1) Lights (2) Colours (3) Harvest (4) Water

3. Christmas, celebrated by Christians worldwide, marks the birth of:

(1) Moses (2) Prophet Muhammad (3) Guru Nanak (4) Jesus Christ

4. Onam, a major harvest festival featuring snake boat races, is primarily celebrated in which state?

(1) Kerala (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Karnataka (4) Andhra Pradesh

5. Eid-ul-Fitr, celebrated by Muslims, marks the end of which holy month?

(1) Muharram (2) Ramzan (Ramadan) (3) Rajab (4) Shawwal

6. Gurburab is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Sikh Guru?

(1) Guru Gobind Singh (2) Guru Arjan Dev (3) Guru Nanak Dev (4) Guru Tegh Bahadur

Section B

7. Mahavir Jayanti celebrates the birth of Lord Mahavira, who is regarded as which Tirthankara of Jainism?

(1) 1st (2) 10th (3) 19th (4) 24th

8. Janmashtami is celebrated to mark the birth of which Hindu deity?

(1) Lord Krishna (2) Lord Rama (3) Lord Shiva (4) Lord Ganesha

9. Dussehra is celebrated at the conclusion of which nine-night festival dedicated to Goddess Durga?

(1) Diwali (2) Navratri (3) Onam (4) Pongal

10. Khordad Sal, marking the birth anniversary of the prophet Zoroaster, is a significant festival of which community?

(1) Sikh community (2) Jewish community (3) Parsi (Zoroastrian) community (4) Buddhist community

11. Ugadi, marking the first day of the Chaitra month, is primarily celebrated as the New Year festival in which state?

(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Kerala (3) Punjab (4) Karnataka (and Andhra Pradesh/Telangana)

12. Pongal, a major harvest festival marked by the boiling over of a rice dish, is primarily celebrated in which state?

(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Kerala (3) Karnataka (4) Odisha

13. The Kumbh Mela, one of the world's largest religious gatherings, rotates between four river-bank locations. Which of these is NOT one of them?

- (1) Haridwar (2) Puri (3) Prayagraj (4) Ujjain

Section C

14. Baisakhi, marking the solar new year and the harvest season in Punjab, is also significant for which historical event in Sikh history?

- (1) The birth of Guru Nanak (2) The compilation of the Guru Granth Sahib (3) The formation of the Khalsa Panth (4) The martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev

15. Which festival, associated with the Jagannath Temple in Puri, Odisha, features a grand procession of chariots?

- (1) Durga Puja (2) Ganesh Chaturthi (3) Makar Sankranti (4) Rath Yatra

16. Bihu, celebrated as both a harvest and New Year festival with distinct spring, autumn and winter observances, is the principal festival of which state?

- (1) Assam (2) West Bengal (3) Odisha (4) Bihar

17. Durga Puja, one of the most elaborately celebrated festivals in eastern India, is especially prominent in which state?

- (1) Bihar (2) West Bengal (3) Jharkhand (4) Sikkim

18. Losar, the Tibetan and Buddhist New Year festival, is widely celebrated in regions such as Ladakh and which other Indian state?

- (1) Kerala (2) Gujarat (3) Sikkim (4) Tamil Nadu

19. Which festival marks the culmination of the Hindu month of Shravan and celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters, with sisters tying a protective thread on their brothers' wrists?

- (1) Bhai Dooj (2) Karva Chauth (3) Navratri (4) Raksha Bandhan

20. Makar Sankranti, marking the sun's transition into Capricorn, is primarily a festival associated with which occasion?

- (1) The harvest season and the sun's northward journey (Uttarayan) (2) The birth of a religious founder (3) A purely regional Sikh observance (4) The Islamic lunar new year

Answer key: 1. (3) 2. (2) 3. (4) 4. (1) 5. (2) 6. (3) 7. (4) 8. (1) 9. (2) 10. (3) 11. (4) 12. (1) 13. (2) 14. (3) 15. (4) 16. (1) 17. (2) 18. (3) 19. (4) 20. (1)

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