

RELS 1010 – Survey of Religious Literacy

Fall 2017

	Beginning of Semester	End of Semester
1. When does the Jewish Sabbath begin?	36% correct 64% incorrect	92% correct 8% incorrect
2. Most people in Indonesia belong to what religion?	13% correct 87% incorrect	60% correct 40% incorrect
3. Which of these religious groups traditionally teach that salvation comes through faith alone?	36% correct 64% incorrect	47% correct 53% incorrect
4. What is Ramadan?	22% correct 78% incorrect	47% correct 53% incorrect
5. The Dalai Lama is...	57% correct 43% incorrect	62% correct 38% incorrect
6. What are the two main branches of Islam?	59% correct 41% incorrect	95% correct 5% incorrect
7. From the list below, what is the oldest form of Buddhism?	5% correct 95% incorrect	45% correct 55% incorrect
8. What was the name of the person whose writings and actions inspired the Protestant Reformation?	48% correct 52% incorrect	88% correct 12% incorrect
9. What is the first book of the Torah?	25% correct 75% incorrect	53% correct 47% incorrect
10. What are the names of the first four books of the New Testament of the Bible, that is, the Four Gospels?	65% correct 35% incorrect	77% correct 23% incorrect
11. Which of the following best describes Catholic teaching about the bread and wine used for communion?	47% correct 53% incorrect	62% correct 38% incorrect
12. Which is the most important ethical virtue in Jainism?	23% correct 77% incorrect	97% correct 3% incorrect
13. Who is the founder of the Sikh tradition?	5% correct 95% incorrect	95% correct 5% incorrect
14. What is the most important relationship in a Confucian society?	7% correct 93% incorrect	70% correct 30% incorrect
15. What does the "Dao" mean?	29% correct 71% incorrect	93% correct 7% incorrect
16. Name two of the five pillars of Islam	17% correct 83% incorrect	68% correct 32% incorrect
17. Which one of these items is not usually carried by a devout Sikh?	13% correct 87% incorrect	95% correct 5% incorrect
18. Name the holiest city for Muslims	47% correct 53% incorrect	88% correct 12% incorrect
19. Why do many Jews never eat a cheeseburger?	6% correct 94% percent incorrect	52% correct 48% incorrect
	Average Score: 5.5 out of 19 (29%)	Average Score: 13.8 out of 19 (73%)