Religion Exam Study Guide

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|  | Geography | Major Beliefs | Customs | Sacred Text |
| Judaism | Origin: IsraelPopular in: Israel and the United States | -There is one God (monotheism)-The Jews are chosen by God-Jews should follow the Covenant, or the Laws of God-Work should not be done on the Sabbath | -Major celebrations include Passover and Rosh Hashanah-People worship in synagogues-Food laws (Kosher) must be followed | The TaNaCH:-The Torah-The Nevi’m-The Ketuvim  |
| Christianity | Origin: IsraelPopular In: Earth | -There is one God-Jesus was the Son of God-Jesus died for humanity’s sins-Jesus was resurrected and went to Heaven | -Follow the Ten Commandments-Go to Church-Pray-Major celebrations include Easter and Christmas | The Bible:-Old Testament-New Testament |
| Hinduism | Origin: IndiaPopular in: India | -The universal soul called Brahman; everyone has a part of Brahman-Reincarnation: A soul is reborn many times in different bodies.-There are different forms of Brahman and they are worshipped as Gods-Karma | -Meditation -Doing good works-Having a shrine at home | Sacred Text:-The Vedas |
| Buddhism | Origin: IndiaPopular in : East Asia, Southeast Asia | -There is no personal God-Karma and Reincarnation-The goal of living is to attain Nirvana, or existing without suffering-Nothing is perfect | -The path to Nirvana is following the 8-fold path.-The 8-fold path is the correct way to live. -The 8-fold path avoids extremes in behavior.-Meditation | Sacred Text:-Tripitaka |
| Islam | Origin: Saudi ArabiaOrigin: Indonesia, North Africa, Southwest and Central Asia, United States | -The is one God named Allah-There have been many prophets (or people who see the future)-It is really important to be obedient to God. | The 5 Pillars of Islam-Declare faith in God-Pray 5 times a day facing Mecca-Giving a certain amount of money to charity-Fasting during the month-long celebration of Ramadan-The Hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia | Sacred Text:-The Qur’an |