

Jainism and Buddhism Questions and Answers - Download PDF!

Jainism and Buddhism are two ancient Indian religions that are often asked about in competitive exams. These questions can be challenging, but they can also be very rewarding to answer. To answer Jainism and Buddhism questions correctly, it is important to have a thorough understanding of the history and philosophy of these religions. Once you have a good understanding of these concepts, you will be well-equipped to answer any Jainism or Buddhism question that comes your way.

With a little practice, you will be able to solve history questions with ease. So, we have attached 10 questions of Jainism and Buddhism for you to practice with. You should aim to answer these questions in less than half a minute for each.

Questions on Jainism and Buddhism

You can also download the Jainism and Buddhism questions and answers pdf. Just click on the **Download PDF** button. So let's start with the very first question.

Q:1 Rulers of which dynasty patronised Jainism?

1. Chalukya
2. Pallava
3. Rashtrakutas
4. Chauhan

(**Difficulty: 2, Estimated Time: 10 Seconds**) It was very easy, right?

Q:2 When did Jainism split into Shvetambara and Digambara sects?

1. During the time of Chandragupta Maurya
2. In the time of Ashoka
3. In the time of Kanishka
4. None of these

(**Difficulty: 2, Estimated Time: 10 Seconds**) Did you guess it right? It was easy too!

Q:3 What is the emblem of Rishabhadeva, who is also known as the founder of Jainism?

1. Cow
2. Bull



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3. Sheep

4. Yak

(Difficulty: 3, Estimated Time: 15 Seconds) This is a quite interesting question. Did you guess it right?

Q:4 The fundamental point of Jainism is

1. Karma
2. Allegiance
3. Non-violence
4. Disappointment

(Difficulty: 3, Estimated Time: 25 Seconds) Now, this one was tricky. Have you got all your questions correct so far?

Q:5 The primary cause for the rise of Jainism and Buddhism was the religious unrest in India in which century B.C.?

1. 5th century
2. 6th century
3. 4th century
4. 8th century

(Difficulty: 3, Estimated Time: 20 Seconds) We're halfway through. We will increase the difficulty level from now.

Q:6 Which of the following is/are the principles of jainism?

1. Right belief
2. Right conduct
3. Right knowledge
4. All of the above

(Difficulty: 3, Estimated Time: 20 Seconds) Have you read the principles of Jainism? And what about Buddhism?

Q:7 Which of the following book is not related to Buddhism?

1. Tripitaka
2. Mahayana Sutras
3. Tibetan Book of the Dead
4. Tattvartha Sutra



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(**Difficulty: 3, Estimated Time: 20 Seconds**) Clock is ticking! Hurry up!

Q:8 The rulers of which dynasty gave the last royal patronage to Buddhism in India?

1. Pala of Bengal
2. Chalukyas of Gujarat
3. Chouhan of Ajmer
4. None of these

(**Difficulty: 2, Estimated Time: 10 Seconds**) It's an easy one but a little bit tricky. Did you guess it right?

Q:9 What is the most fundamental difference between the Mahayana and Hinayana schools of Buddhism?

1. Emphasis on non-violence
2. Casteless society
3. Worship of Gods and Goddesses
4. Stupa worship

(**Difficulty: 4, Estimated Time: 25 Seconds**) If you know the ancient history well, you can get it right!

Q:10 By what other name is the Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara known in Mahayana Buddhism?

1. Vajrapani
2. Manjushree
3. Padmapani
4. Maitreya

(**Difficulty: 4, Estimated Time: 20 Seconds**) Try to eliminate the options, you will get the answer. Did you guess them all correctly?



Answer Key

Let's check out your score in this test.

1. (3)	2. (1)	3. (2)	4. (3)	5. (2)
6. (4)	7. (4)	8. (1)	9. (3)	10. (3)

Comment below your score, considering each question has 1 mark only. If you scored 8 to 10, congratulations! You are one step closer to selection. If you have scored 5 to 8 marks, then you are doing well, keep it up. If you have scored less than 5 marks then you need to work a little harder on this subject. But don't worry, we are here to help you master the subject.

Let's check the answers and solutions and try to find out what went wrong.

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Rashtrakutas**

Rashtrakutas patronized Jainism and played an important role in establishing Jainism in Deccan.

The Rashtrakutas widely patronized Sanskrit literature.

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **During the time of Chandragupta Maurya**

Jains are divided into two major sects; the Digambara (meaning sky clad) and the Svetambara (meaning white-clad).

Both groups accept the basic Jain philosophy and the five basic vows.

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Bull**

Bull: Apart from Bull, Rishabhadeva was also associated with the Nyagrodha tree, Gomukha (Bull faced), Yaksha, and Chakresvari.

Rishabhadeva's statue or iconography is identified by the Bull carved or stamped below his feet.

There are five doctrines of Jainism.

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Jainism: Mahavir was the 24th Tirthankara, who was born in Kundagram near Vaishali in 540 BC.

The First council of Jainism was held in Patliputra and the second was held in Vallabhi.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Non-violence**

The supreme principle of Jain living is non-violence. This is one of the 5 mahavrata (the great 5 vows).

The other mahavrata are non-attachment to possessions, not lying, not stealing, and sexual restraint.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **6th century**

In the 6th century B.C., religious unrest in India was the primary cause for the rise of Jainism and Buddhism.

The 6th century B.C. considered to be a wonderful century in history. Buddha, Mahavira, Heraclitus, Zoroaster, Confucius, and Lao Tse, Great thinkers during the 6th century B.C., lived and preached their ideas.

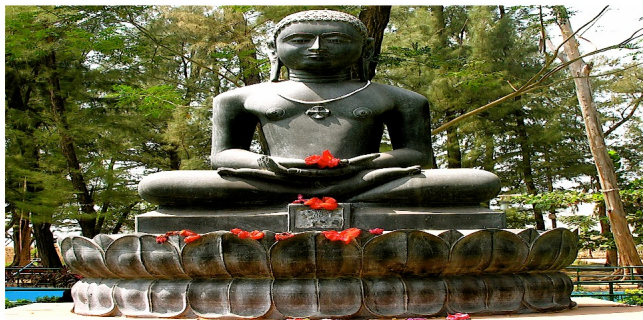
During the 6th century B.C. in India, the republican institutions were strong and leads to the rise of heterodox sects against the orthodox religion dominated by rites and rituals.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **All of the above**

The three guiding principles of Jainism, the 'three jewels' are right belief, right knowledge and right conduct.

The supreme principle of Jain living is nonviolence (ahimsa).

Jainism is an ancient religion that is rooted in the philosophy that teaches the way to liberation and a path to spiritual purity and enlightenment through disciplined nonviolence to all living creatures.



Q:7 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **Tattvartha Sutra**



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The credit for the foundation of Buddhism goes to Siddhartha Gautama.

Lumbini located in Nepal is the birthplace of Gautam Buddha.

Gautam Buddha died at the age of 80 near Kushinagar.

Tripitaka, Mahayana Sutras, and Tibetan Book of the Dead are the three books that revolve around Buddhism.

One can follow Tattvartha Sutra for understanding the whole Jainism in one go through a single book.

Q:8 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Pala of Bengal**

Pala of Bengal gave the last royal patronage to Buddhism in India. The Pala dynasty was founded by Gopala in the mid-8th century.

The ruler of the Gupta dynasty Maharaja Gupta or Sri Gupta gave royal patronage to Buddhism. He founded a Buddhist monastery and offered a gift of twenty-four villages to the Buddhist monks from China for maintenance.

Q:9 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Worship of Gods and Goddesses**

Mahayana believed in idol worship whereas Hinayana did not believe in idol worship.

Hinayana is known as the 'Southern Buddhist Religion' whereas Mahayana is known as the 'Northern Buddhist Religion'.

Hinayana favoured the Pali language where as Mahayana favoured the Sanskrit language.

Q:10 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Padmapani**

Avalokiteshvara (the lord who looks down) also called Padmapini (the lotus bearer): kind-hearted.

Vajrapani: like Indra, he holds a thunderbolt, a foe of sin and evil.

Manjushree (stimulator of understanding), holds a book describing 10 paramitas (spiritual perfections).

Maitreya means the future, Buddha.

Here's a wrap for today. Topics related to ancient history are always insightful and beneficial. We'll meet up again soon with another general awareness topic. In the meantime, you can practice the questions by downloading the PDF on Jainism and Buddhism.