

Quiz
Built Heritage
Fire Temples and Synagogues

1. Which of the following is a synonym of a Fire Temple?
 - A. Agiyari
 - B. Masjid
 - C. Jewish
 - D. Gurudwara

2. Who is considered the supreme deity of the Parsis?
 - A. Allah
 - B. Ahura Mazda
 - C. Brahma
 - D. YHWH

3. In which city of India would you find the maximum number of Fire Temples?
 - A. Kolkata
 - B. Ahmedabad
 - C. Cuttack
 - D. Mumbai

4. Which is the oldest fire temple in India?
 - A. Wadia Atash Behram in Mumbai
 - B. Banaji Atash Behram in Mumbai
 - C. Iransha Atash Behram in Udvada
 - D. Desai Atash Behram in Navsari

5. Which is the highest grade of fire in a fire temple?
 - A. Atash Dadgah
 - B. Atash Adaran
 - C. Atash Behram
 - D. Atash Mazda

6. How many Atash Behrams are there in the world?
 - A. Seven
 - B. Eleven
 - C. Ninety- Nine
 - D. Nine

7. What is the name of the place where Parsis are exhumed?
 - A. Crematorium
 - B. Graveyard
 - C. Burial Ground

D. Dakhma or Tower of Silence

8. Which is the only Parsi cave temple in India? It is also an ASI protected monument.

- A. Barabar Caves
- B. Bahrot Caves
- C. Panduleni Caves
- D. Badami Caves

9. Which is the oldest Synagogue in India?

- A. Magen David Synagogue, Mumbai
- B. Paradesi Synagogue, Kochi
- C. Magen David Synagogue, Kolkata
- D. Beth El Synagogue, Kolkata

10. Which state in India has the largest concentration of Synagogue?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

Answers-

1. A. Agiyari
Agiyari or Fire Temple is the palace of worship for Zoroastrians, also called Parsis.
2. B. Ahura Mazda
Parsis believed that there is one universal, transcendent, all-good, uncreated supreme creator deity, Ahura Mazda or the 'Wise Lord.' Ahura means 'Lord' and Mazda meaning 'Wisdom' in Avestan.
3. D. Mumbai
The Parsi population in Mumbai is the largest in India and have influenced arts, politics and culture in Mumbai and greater India for centuries. The city has the maximum number of fire temples in the country.
4. C. Iransha Atash Behram in Udvada
Iransha Atash Behram in Udvada, Gujarat is the most sacred Zoroastrian fire temple in India and the oldest continuously burning fire- temple in India.
5. C. Atash Behran
The highest grade of fire is the Atash Behram, "Fire of Victory." It involves the gathering of 16 different "kinds of fire", that is fires gathered from 16 different sources, including lightning, fire from a cremation pyre, fire from a trade where the furnace is operated and fires from the hearths.
6. D. Nine
There are Nine Atash Behrams
7. D. Dakhma or Tower of Silence
A Dhakma also known as the Tower of Silence, is a circular, raised structure built by Zoroastrians for excarnation- that is for dead bodies to be exposed to carrion birds, usually vultures.
8. B. Bahrot Caves
Bahrot Caves locally known as Barad, near Dahanu, Maharashtra are the only Parsi/Zoroastrian Cave Temple in India. Bahrot Caves have been declared as a heritage site and is a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India.
9. B. Paradesi Synagogue, Kochi
The Paradesi Synagogue in Kochi, Kerala is the oldest active synagogue. Constructed in 1568, it is also referred to as the Cochin Jewish Synagogue or the Mattancherry synagogue.

10.C. Maharashtra

The state of Maharashtra is where the largest number of synagogues were built, particularly in Mumbai, Thane and the neighbouring Konkan region.