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1. The establishment of Brahmo Samaj marked a significant shift towards _____ interpretations of Hindu doctrines, promoting a version of religion that eschewed idolatry and embraced a more monotheistic view.

- (1) Orthodox
- (2) Agnostic
- (3) Reformative
- (4) Polytheistic

Answer Key: (3)

Solution:

Option (3) is correct. Brahmo Samaj, founded by Raja Ram Mohan Roy, was central in initiating reformatory changes within Hinduism, advocating for a monotheistic interpretation and rational religious practices, diverging from traditional polytheistic and ritual-centric views.

Option (1) is incorrect. Orthodox interpretations typically adhere strictly to traditional beliefs and practices, which Brahmo Samaj aimed to reform.

Option (2) is incorrect. Agnosticism pertains to a view where the existence of God or the divine is unknown or unknowable, which does not align with the proactive reformatory stance of Brahmo Samaj.

Option (4) is incorrect. Polytheistic views involve the worship of multiple gods, which Brahmo Samaj specifically moved away from by promoting monotheism.

Thus, the correct answer is Option (3).

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2. Globalization has significantly influenced religious practices, creating a phenomenon where religious beliefs and rituals transcend their geographical origins and _____ through various diaspora communities worldwide.

- (1) Diminish
- (2) Assimilate
- (3) Proliferate
- (4) Standardize

Answer Key: (3)

Solution:

Option (3) is correct. Globalization facilitates the proliferation of religious practices beyond their original borders through diaspora communities, maintaining and spreading their cultural and religious identity globally.

Option (1) is incorrect. Rather than diminishing, globalization often enhances the visibility and practice of religious traditions in new environments.

Option (2) is incorrect. While assimilation can occur, the primary impact highlighted here is the spread and maintenance of original religious practices, not their blending into new cultural contexts.

Option (4) is incorrect. Standardization implies homogenization, which is less likely in the context of diverse religious practices being maintained across global diasporas.

Thus, the correct answer is Option (3).

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3. The rise of digital platforms has transformed traditional religious engagements, leading to the formation of online congregations where rituals and communal worship are _____ adapted to virtual environments.

- (1) Reluctantly
- (2) Sporadically
- (3) Innovatively
- (4) Rarely

Answer Key: (3)

Solution:

Option (3) is correct. Digital religion and online congregations often involve innovative adaptations of traditional religious activities to suit virtual platforms, allowing for continued communal worship and interaction despite physical distances.

Option (1) is incorrect. The adaptation to digital forms of worship has been embraced rather actively by many

religious organizations, not reluctantly.

Option (2) is incorrect. The adaptation is not sporadic but rather a growing and continuous trend within religious communities embracing digital technology.

Option (4) is incorrect. The adaptation to digital environments is becoming increasingly common, not rare.

Thus, the correct answer is Option (3).