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Quiz#1

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Hinduism: "Points of Departure"

Marks*: 9/10

- ✓ 1. The process of Sanskritization refers to:
 - a) The translation of Sanskrit texts into English
 - ✓ b) The adoption of local deities and practices into Brahmanical frameworks
 - c) The rejection of popular religion by elites
 - d) The spread of Sanskrit grammar schools
- ✓ 2. The householder and renouncer roles illustrate:
 - ✓ a) Two contradictory but coexisting ideals in Hindu life
 - b) The superiority of worldly life over renunciation
 - c) That women cannot participate in religion
 - d) That caste determines liberation absolutely
- ✓ 3. Why is *dharma* considered a richer concept than "religion" in English?
 - ✓ a) Because it includes truth, duty, law, ethics, and cosmic order
 - b) Because it means simply "ritual"
 - c) Because it only applies to kingship
 - d) Because it excludes caste and gender obligations
- ✓ 4. The use of prototype theory in the chapter suggests that Hinduism is best understood as:
 - a) A bounded religion with strict borders
 - ✓ b) A tradition with fuzzy boundaries and degrees of belonging
 - c) A religion entirely shaped by colonialism
 - d) A philosophy of renunciation only
- ✓ 5. The sacred, as described in the chapter, is best understood as:
 - ✓ a) A permanent quality of certain objects or people
 - b) A relational quality that emerges in context and ritual
 - c) A Western concept imposed on Hinduism
 - d) A term used only in philosophical texts
- ✓ 6. The Veda functions less as a text that is widely read, and more as:
 - ✓ a) A symbolic point of authority and identity
 - b) A rejected scripture among all Hindus
 - c) A guide for temple construction only
 - d) A manual for renouncers
- ✓ 7. The chapter divides Hindu traditions into three broad strands:
 - a) Vedic, Buddhist, Jain
 - ✓ b) Brahmanical orthopraxy, renouncer traditions, popular/local traditions
 - c) Temple Hinduism, Bhakti, Tantra
 - d) North Indian, South Indian, Tribal

*Each MCQ is worth 1.5. Max marks:10.