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Religious Festivals

Festivals are a part of human life. These are the occasions when people share their joys with each other. The Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Ad'ha, with religious zeal and festivity. In our country, Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ, the Urs of Hazrat Data Ganj Bakhsh عریضی، the Charaghan Fair, Spring festival etc. are the religious and cultural festivals other than Eidain, which are celebrated according to the local customs and traditions.

The people of other religions of the world also celebrate festivals, for example, Christmas, Baisakhi, Holi, Diwali etc.

Eid-ul-Fitr

On the completion of the fasting month Ramadan-ul-Mubarik, the Muslims celebrate Eid with festivity on the 1st of Shawal. It is called Eid-ul-Fitr. On the day of Eid-ul-Fitr, the Muslims embrace each other and distribute Sadaqa-e-Fitr (Fitrana) to the poor so that they can also join and celebrate the festivities of Eid-ul-Fitr.



Eid-u-Ad'ha

Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Ad'ha on 10th of Zilhaj. On this day, Muslims sacrifice animals and distribute the sacrificial meat amongst relatives, friends and the poor.



Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ

Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ is celebrated on the 12th of Rabi-ul-Awal to commemorate the Rasool's ﷺ birth.



Urs

In Lahore, the Urs of Hazrat Data Ganj Bakhsh ﷺ and the Charaghan Fair are also celebrated with great fervour.



Christmas

The Christians celebrate Hazrat Isa's ﷺ birthday on the 25th December every year. It is called Christmas.



Diwali and Holi

Diwali and Holi are the religious festivals of the Hindus.

Baisakhi

Baisakhi is the religious festival of the Sikhs.



EXERCISE

1. Fill in the blanks with the help of following words:

Diwali Hazrat Isa ﷺ Sadaqa-e-Fitr Eid-ul-Ad'ha Eid-ul-Fitr

- (I) _____ is given to the poor to include them in the joys of Eid-ul-Fitr.
- (ii) The religious festivals of the Hindus are Holi and _____.
- (iii) Eidain means _____ and Eid-ul-Ad'ha.
- (iv) The Muslims celebrate _____ on 10th of Zilhaj.
- (v) On the 25th December, every year, Christians celebrate the birthday of _____.

2. Mark (✓) the right answer.

- (I) When is Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ celebrated?
 - a) on 10th of Zilhaj
 - b) on 1st of Shawal
 - c) on 12th of Rabi-ul-Awal
- (ii) Holi is the religious festival:
 - a) of the Sikhs b) of the Hindus
 - c) of the Christians
- (iii) When is the Christmas celebrated?
 - a) on 10th of January
 - b) on 25th December
 - c) on 9th November
- (iv) In which city is the "Charaghan Fair" celebrated?
 - a) Lahore b) Multan c) Faisalabad