**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Southern and Eastern Asia is the birthplace of three religions: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. In addition, China is the birthplace of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is not a religion, but a philosophy (an ethical system based on good deeds and morality).
3. Hinduism is one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ religions in the world, although there is not a specific state date of Hinduism.
4. These prayers and rituals, along with other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beliefs, led to the development of Hinduism.
5. Hindus believe in a supreme spirit named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Hindus also believe that all living beings have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Another important Hindu belief is the idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. The belief that your actions determine your fate in your next life is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system is another very important part of Hinduism and is closely tied with the idea of reincarnation.
10. Traditionally, there were four main castes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. While the caste system is technically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in India, it still influences Indian society.
12. The creation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ began with a young prince named Siddhartha Gautama around 500 BC.
13. At this point, he became known as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” which means “The Enlightened One.”
14. According to Buddha, the cause of human suffering is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the desire for material things.
15. The central teaching of Buddhism is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. Buddha believed that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the key to everything.
17. Unlike some of the other main world religions, Buddhists do not worship a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a religion that is unique to Japan.
19. The main belief of Shinto is reverence for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which are spirits that Shinto followers believe live in nature.
20. The main religious practice of Shinto is for followers to offer prayers and perform rituals to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and please the kami.
21. Shinto has been a part of Japanese life for so long that it is often not even thought of as a religion but part of Japanese \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
22. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not a religion. It is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ created by a Chinese scholar named Confucius.
23. According to Confucian philosophy, there are five basic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among men: ruler and subject, father and son, husband and wife, older brother and younger brother, and friend and friend.
24. Confucius taught that if each relationship was based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, there would be peace and harmony in China.