

Name:.....


Class:.....




Date:.....


Join Our Friend Beautiful  Butterfly to read the passage and answer the questions on Diwali Celebration




Diwali is a popular festival celebrated by Hindu  people around the world. In India it is the biggest holiday of the year. It marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of a new year. Diwali usually falls between the middle of October and the middle of November. It is celebrated after 20 days from the Dussehra festival. The actual day depends on when there is a new moon. 

Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is a festival celebrated in almost all parts of India. It is also known as the Festival of Lights. 'Deepavali' is a Hindi word that means an array of lamps ('Deep' means earthen lamps, and 'Avail' means a queue or an array). 

The day before Diwali, people clean and decorate their homes and offices. According to legend, Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, blesses the homes that are shiny and clean. People often have family prayers, called  pooja, followed by fireworks  and a family feast .

People light candles or small clay lamps called Diya's  to invite good luck from the Hindu Goddess Lakshmi and the God Ganesh, who represent good fortune, knowledge and wealth. It is a festival celebrated by Indians with great enthusiasm. The festival commemorates joy, harmony, and victor

It is a custom to wear new clothes for Diwali. In India it is a busy time for the stores. If they can, people give food and clothes to those in need. 

Name:.....

Class:.....

Date:.....

Hindus interpret the Diwali story based upon where they live. But there's one common theme no matter where people celebrate: the victory of good over evil.



In northern India, they celebrate the story of King Rama's return to Ayodhya after he defeated Ravana by lighting rows of clay lamps. Southern India celebrates it as the day that Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura. In western India the festival marks the day that Lord Vishnu, the Preserver (one of the main gods of the Hindu trinity) sent the demon King Bali to rule the nether world.

DIWALI IS CELEBRATED OVER FIVE DAYS.



DAY ONE: People clean their homes and shop for gold or kitchen utensils to help bring good fortune.

DAY TWO: People decorate their homes with clay lamps and create design patterns called rangoli on the floor using colour powders or sand.

DAY THREE: On the main day of the festival, families gather together for Lakshmi puja, a prayer to Goddess Lakshmi, followed by mouth-watering feasts and firework festivities.


DAY FOUR: This is the first day of the new year, when friends and relatives visit with gifts and best wishes for the season.

DAY FIVE: Brothers visit their married sisters, who welcome them with love and a lavish meal.

Name:.....

Class:.....

Date:.....

In India, it is a festival of fun and happiness. People decorate their homes and offices with various lights, cook delicious food, exchange gifts, and share happiness. Indian businesses consider Diwali the first day of the financial new year. 

Some also believe in discarding old things and buying new ones. This also involves discarding unused old items at home and buying new ones on Diwali, so the festival brings in everything fresh and new.

It is believed that Goddess Lakshmi visits the place of worship (house or office) on Diwali and blesses them. Hence, a lot of discipline and devotion goes into the celebration of this festival.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the meaning of the word 'Diwali' or 'Deepawali'?

.....
.....
.....

2. Diwali falls on which month?

.....
.....

3. How Hindus celebrate Diwali?

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

Name:.....

Class:.....

Date:.....

4. How is Diwali celebrated in various parts of India?

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

5. Write a brief note on five days of Diwali celebration.

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

6. Why people discard old items and buy new things on Diwali?

.....
.....
.....

7. Depict an important event from Ramayana, which symbolises the Diwali celebration.

.....
.....
.....

Name:.....

Class:.....

Date:.....

8. Write whether the given statement is True or False.

- i. Diwali is celebrated all around the world.
- ii. During Diwali we worship the Sun god.
- iii. Diwali is celebrated for six days.
- iv. On fifth day of Diwali married sisters visit their brothers house for blessings.
- v. Diwali is all about victory of good over evil.

9. Answer in one word:

- i. Diwali is also known as the Festival of
- ii. Diwali is celebrated days from Dussehra festival.
- iii. Lamps lit on Diwali are called
- iv. On Diwali goddess (goddess of wealth) is worshiped.
- v. Indian businesses consider Diwali the day of the financial new year.

10. How is Diwali celebrated in your family?

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....