

Worksheet 18 – Sikhs and Diwali

1. When do people celebrate Diwali? Is it between:

- (a) May – June (b) July – August (c) October – November (d) August – September

2. What does *Bandi Chorr Divas* mean? Is it:

- (a) Day of lighting divas (b) Day of freedom for prisoners (c) Festival of lights
(d) Freedom for Guru Hargobind Sahib ji

3. Why do Sikhs celebrate *Bandi Chhor Divas (Diwali)*? Is it because Sikhs:

- (a) Like to see fire works (b) Like to light a diva (c) Like to take advantage of the free jalebees
(d) Like to remember the 6th Guru for his practical teaching of selfless service and forgiveness
(e) Like to do things which ‘appear’ to have a spiritual element like going to a Gurdwara

4. Why was *Guru Hargobind Sahib* imprisoned? Was it because:

- (a) He killed Jahangir’s soldier (b) He attacked Jahangir
(c) Jahangir feared that the Guru might retaliate for His father’s assassination
(d) Guru Sahib was building and training an army

5. Why did *Guru Hargobind Ji* kill the tiger & save *Jahagir’s* life? Is it because the *Guru*:

- (a) had a kind soul (b) practised and preached, ‘forgiveness’ as being a great virtue
(c) wanted Jahangir’s support later on to fight other enemies (d) wanted to save His own life

6. Why was *Guru Hargobind Ji* released? Was it because:

- (a) The Guru threatened Jahangir that His Sikhs will retaliate
(b) Jahangir was convinced that Guru Sahib won’t retaliate
(c) Jahangir was being pressurised from Muslim spiritual leaders like Miyan Mir
(d) Jahangir wanted Guru Sahib to fight a battle for him (e) Sikhs were protesting in Delhi

7. Why did *Guru Hargobind Ji* demand the release of 52 rajas? Was it because:

- (a) They had promised to give Guru Ji money, land & support
(b) The Guru practised and preached selfless service and kindness
(c) They had all converted to Sikhism (d) They begged Guru Ji for freedom

8. How should we celebrate *Bandi Chhorh Divas*? Is it by:

- (a) Lighting divas (b) Having fire works (c) Doing Ardaas for liberation from worldly bonds
(d) Performing Keertan (e) Feed the poor & needy (f) Eat lots of sweets