



India is a land of festivals and celebrations.

Fill in the blanks with the names of the correct festival.

1. An important festival for Sikhs. It is celebrated with great joy in Punjab, on the first day of harvest. Baisakhi

2. After fasting through the holy month of Ramzan, this festival is celebrated by the Muslims. Eid

3. On this day people celebrate the birth of Lord Rama who is believed to be the seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu.

Ram Navami

4. On the eighth day of Bhadra (August - September) this festival marks the birth of Lord Krishna. Janmashtami

5. Celebrated two days before Deepawali, new utensils are bought on this day because it is regarded very auspicious.

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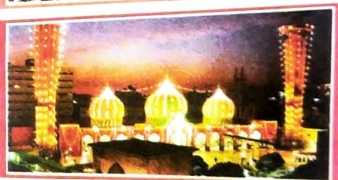
6. This famous festival is held in Puri, Odisha where lakhs of pilgrims gather to pull the images of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra which are placed on three huge chariots. Jagannathpuri Yatra

7. This festival is celebrated by the Muslims to commemorate the birthday of Hazrat Mohammad. Milad-un-Nabi

8. This festival marks the New Year's Day for the Parsi Community. Navroz

9. It is a major spring festival. Hindus worship the goddess of learning on the day. Vasant Panchmi

10. This festival marks the beginning of the sun's journey towards the northern hemisphere. People take a dip in holy rivers and worship the sun god. Makar Sankranti



India is a land of rich and diversified cuisine with each state offering a different speciality.

Answer the following questions and test your appetite for knowledge!

1. If a restaurant served you Malabar biryani with papadams (lentil wafers), pootu (made of rice flour dough), appam (a crisp pancake) and payasam (a sweet dish cooked in coconut milk), then in which Indian state was the restaurant situated? Kerala
2. Moorg ka soola (chicken dish) and mave ki kachauri (a delicious sweet from Jodhpur) are famous dishes of which Indian state? Rajasthan
3. If your menu card included Baingan ki Boorani (a popular vegetable dish), Here masale ki Machchi (a fried dish prepared primarily with green chillies and coriander) and Achchar gosht (a meat speciality), then in which state were you dining? Andhra Pradesh
4. If you had Bakhri (chapati's stuffed, rolled, cut into slices and fried) and Vada Pao for snacks, in which Indian state would you be? Maharashtra
5. If your aunt, living in the east invited you to a lunch comprising of Doi maach, shukto, aloo posto and chum chum (a sweet dish) then in which Indian state was she residing? West Bengal
6. In on one of his business tours, your father had Hyderabadi qaboolil (rich dish prepared split peas, yogurt and lemon juice, Tala Gosht (a savoury boneless lamb roast) and Dahi ki Chutni (a simple yogurt relish served with most meals) for dinner, then which state was he touring? Telangana
7. If your friend tells you that last Sunday he had Dhaniwal Korma (a meat dish cooked over slow fire with yogurt, spices and coriander), Rajma Goggi (red kidney beans cooked with turnip) and Akhrote Chutney (made with shelled walnuts and yogurt) then in which Indian state was he? Jammu and Kashmir
8. If you had Avial (a popular vegetable dish), Koli Uppu Varuval (a chicken dish specially popular in the Chettiyar communtiy) and Mangay Pajji (a mango salad popular in Coorg) for lunch, in which Indian state would you be? Kerala

