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The Spiritual Mosaic: Hinduism's Core Beliefs and Practices

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may include explanations of moksha as liberation from the cycle of reincarnation, the paths to moksha (karma yoga, bhakti yoga, etc.), and its significance in Hindu philosophy.
2. Responses may discuss the Ganges River's sacredness, its role in purification rituals, and its cultural and spiritual importance in Hinduism.
3. Students might choose to explore the festival of Holi, its origins, the use of colored powders, and the symbolism of celebrating with colors.
4. Answers may highlight how the Indian diaspora has preserved and promoted Hinduism, its cultural elements, and festivals in various countries, contributing to the religion's global presence and influence.

