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Exploring Shintoism: Japan's Ancient Spiritual Tradition

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does the word "Shinto" mean?
 - a) The way of life
 - b) The way of the gods
 - c) The path of nature
 - d) The journey of enlightenment

2. What are kami in Shintoism?
 - a) Holy texts
 - b) Spirits or deities
 - c) Monastic communities
 - d) Philosophical teachings

3. What does Shintoism emphasize?
 - a) Isolation from nature
 - b) Purity, harmony with nature, and reverence for kami
 - c) Rejection of cultural heritage
 - d) Ascetic practices

4. What is the significance of torii gates at Shinto shrines?
 - a) They represent obstacles to overcome.
 - b) They mark the entrance to sacred spaces.
 - c) They are used in meditation practices.
 - d) They symbolize ancient scriptures.

5. When are Shinto festivals, or matsuri, typically celebrated?
 - a) Every day
 - b) During important life events
 - c) On weekdays
 - d) Throughout the year

