

Sangam SKM College Nadi – 2021

Year 11 History

Worksheet 2 – Week 3

Answers

1. Define the term ancient religion.
The term ancient religion refers to the religious beliefs and practices prior to the arrival of new religions.
2. How was Ratu Cakobau pivotal in the Christian religion in Fiji?
The conversion of Cakobau led to an enthusiastic and widespread acceptance of Methodism by lesser chiefs and all their communities. Because of this, chiefs still say that “the lotu belongs to the chiefs”. The spread of Methodism resulted in the transformation of much of the social system. Practices such as cannibalism, the strangling of widows, and infanticide were outlawed.
3. Despite having such a diverse culture, people of Fiji have maintained good relationship with each other. Give a reason for this.
Through the various teachings going on in the different religions there has been a lot of integration and interaction happening in Fiji. Religious groups are helping the poor, homeless, victims of disasters and even the old age. This has brought about more understanding between the different ethnic groups in the country.
4. Explain two ways in which “Praying Together” would help building peace and harmony in the nation.
Prying together will allow people from different religion background to understand each others culture and understanding each others culture and religion will allow interaction and integration, also less conflicts May arise.
5. Describe how religion helps in the better running of the government.
Values are being added to the country’s constitution and leaders are being motivated through religious teachings.
6. Write a short summary on how religion contributes to cultural interaction.
 - The arrival of indentured labourers brought about the arrival of other faiths instead of just Christianity.
 - Arrival of Hinduism in Fiji can be traced back to the period of indenture labour system.
 - Muslim migrants had Islam in their families for generations when the first ship brought Indian indentured labourers to Fiji in 1879.
 - iTaukei and Indian relations when it comes to religion have been fairly peaceful. Various organizations have worked towards maintain peaceful relations between the various faiths in Fiji. For example, the Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education & Advocacy (ECEA) works towards strengthening relationships between people of all faiths assist them in understanding the context in which they live, and empower them to respond appropriately to the challenges of creating and nurturing a compassionate, just and inclusive society.
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