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CSEC Caribbean History — Worksheet

Topic: The Taino Religious Organization

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SECTION A: Multiple Choice

1. What was the Taino religion called?
   a) Animism ☐
   b) Shamanism ☐
   c) Polytheism ☐
   d) Monotheism ☐
   [_____] [_____] ☐

2. What type of religion was practiced by the Taino?
   a) Christianity ☐
   b) Polytheistic, belief in many spirits/zemis ☐
   c) Atheist ☐
   d) Islam [_____] ☐

3. Where did the Taino spirit go after death?
   a) Heaven ☐
   b) Coaybay, the underworld of the dead ☐
   c) Mount Olympus ☐
   d) The river [_____]
   [_____] [_____]

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   a) Tobacco smoke

4. What did the Boio inhale during religious rituals?
   c) Cohoba powder ☐
   c) Incense ☐
   d) Salt water ☐
   [_____]

6. Fill in the Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks. Opia, Boio, Atabey, Batey, Areito

1. The supreme creator god in Taino belief was _____
2. The restless spirit or ghost of the dead was called the _____
3. The Taino priest/shaman known as the _____ acted as healer and spiritual leader. _____
4. The earth and fertility goddess, mother of Yocahu, was _____
5. The communal ceremonial plaza where dances and ceremonies were held was the _____
6. The Taino dance and song ceremony celebrating history and spirits was the _____

Matching

A. Zemi of the rain and good weather, associated with rain for crops
B. Zemi of rain and thunderstorms, bringer of floods
C. Zemi of rain and thunderstorms, c bringer of
C. Zemi of the farmlands and cultivators, protector of crops
D. Zemi of the ocean and sea, protects fishermen
E. Supreme creator god, god of cassava and sustenance

Matching

Match the Zemi to its correct role. Write the letter of the correct description next to each Zemi.

1. Guabancex _____
2. Boinayel _____
3. Marohu _____
4. Maquetarie Guayaba _____
5. Yocahu _____

Short Answer

1. Define Animism in Taino religious belief.
   _____
2. State TWO duties of the Boio.
   • _____
3. Explain the Cohoba ritual and its purpose.
   • _____
4. Give TWO reasons why religion was important to the Taino people.
   • _____
   • _____

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