



## 20 GK QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON HOLI

**Question 1:** Holi is also known as the?

**Answer:** Festival of colours

**Question 2:** By which name Holi is recognized in Odisha?

**Answer:** Dola Purnima

**Question 3:** In which Hindu calendar month is Holi celebrated?

**Answer:** Phalguna

**Question 4:** Prahlad became a follower of which god?

**Answer:** Lord Vishnu

**Question 5:** The story behind the Holi Festival is related to:

**Answer:** Holika and Prahlad

**Question 6:** The name of Hiranyakashipu's sister was?

**Answer:** "Holika" also known as Simhika.

**Question 7:** Who was the father of Prahlad?

**Answer:** Hiranyakashipu

**Question 8:** What was the relation of Prahlad and Holika?

**Answer:** Paternal Aunt of Prahlada

**Question 9:** What was the power of demon holika?



**Answer:** Remain unscathed by fire, and so she took Prahlad in her lap and sat in a bonfire.



**Question 10:** What is the demon that was burnt that led to the Festival Holi?

**Answer:** Holika

**Question 11:** The bonfire lit during Holi is known as:

**Answer:** Holika Dahan

**Question 12:** Why is the demoness Holika worshipped on Holi?



**Answer:** In Hindu religion it's believed that doing Holika puja on Holi bestows power, prosperity and wealth. All sorts of fear can be conquered by doing Holika Puja on Holi.

**Question 13:** What were the 5 powers of Hiranyakashipu?

**Answer:** He could be killed by neither a human being nor an animal, neither indoors nor outdoors, neither at day nor at night, neither by astra (projectile weapons) nor by any shastra (handheld weapons), and neither on land nor in water or air.

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**Question 14:** Who ended Hiranyakashipu and how?



**Answer:** Vishnu appeared in the form of Narasimha - half human and half lion, at dusk (when it was neither day nor night), took Hiranyakashyapu at a doorstep (which was neither indoors nor outdoors), placed him on his lap (which was neither land, water nor air), and then eviscerated and killed the king with his lion claws (which were neither a handheld weapon nor a launched weapon).

**Question 15:** The famous 'Lathmar Holi' is played at which place?



**Answer:** Barsana





**Question 16:** The delicacies prepared during Holi are:

**Answer:** Gujihiya

**Question 17:** Which day is celebrated as Chhoti Holi?

**Answer:** A day prior to Holi

**Question 18:** Holi is called Phaguwa in which language?

**Answer:** Bhojpuri

**Question 19:** What are the natural colours used for Holi in the olden days?

**Answer:** Turmeric, Kumkum, Tesu Flowers

**Question 20:** What is the other country that celebrates the Indian Festival Holi?

**Answer:** Nepal

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