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## Celebrations around the World: Hanukkah Mini Test

1. What religion celebrates Hanukkah?

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1 mark

2. What is the meaning of the word Hanukkah?

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3. When is Hanukkah usually celebrated?

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4. Briefly summarise the story of Hanukkah.

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5. What did the Seleucids try and force the Jewish people to do?

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6. Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of \_\_\_\_\_.

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7. Briefly explain the miracle of the menorah.

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8. Give **at least three** examples of how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah today.

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9. In the game of dreidel, explain what each Hebrew letter means.

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1	Jewish	1 mark
2	Re-dedication	1 mark
3	November/December	2 marks
4	Example answer - More than 2000 years ago, the Jewish people of Judea were ruled by the Seleucid Empire. The Seleucids tried to force the Jewish people to give up their religion, so a group of Jews called the Maccabees fought back and defeated the Seleucid armies. Later, the Maccabees took back control of their temples.	1 mark
5	The Seleucids tried to force the Jewish people to abandon their religion and worship the Greek gods and goddesses.	1 mark
6	Festival of Lights	1 mark
7	Example answer – After the Maccabees re-dedicated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, they lit the menorah, a special Jewish candelabra used in acts of worship. They believe the menorah symbolises God’s presence. It was discovered that there was only enough oil to keep the menorah alight for one day. However, the menorah remained lit for eight days, until more oil could be found. It was a miracle!	1 mark
8	Light candles of the hanukiah Put the hanukiah in the window of the house Give small gifts or money Share special meals Children play the dreidel game	3 marks
9	Gimmel – Take all the counters in the pot Heh – Take half the counters in the pot Shin – Put one counter in the pot Nun – You do not win or lose anything	4 marks