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, religion unlike the Christian church usually is not a separate institution but pervades the whole of public and private life. In Buddhism , gods are not as central as the idea of a Buddha. In many traditional cultures , the idea of a sacred cosmic order is the most prominent religious belief. Because of this variety , some scholars prefer to use a general term such as the sacred to designate the common foundation of religious life. Religion in this understanding includes a complex of activities that cannot be reduced to any single aspect of human experience. It is a part of individual life but also of group dynamics. Religion includes patterns of behavior but also patterns of language and thought. It is sometimes a highly organized institution that sets itself apart from a culture , and it is sometimes an integral part of a culture. Religious experience may be expressed in visual symbols , dance and performance , elaborate philosophical systems , legendary and imaginative stories , formal ceremonies , and detailed rules of ethical conduct and law. Each of these elements assumes innumerable cultural forms. In some ways there are as many forms of religious expression as there are human cultural environments.

1. What is the passage mainly concerned about ?  
A. Religion has a variety of interpretation.  
B. Religion is a reflection of ignorance.  
C. Religion is not only confined to the Christian categories.  
D. Religion includes all kinds of activities.

2. What does the word “ observance ” probably convey in Para. 1 ?  
A. notice  
B. watching  
C. conformity  
D. experience

3. According to the passage what people generally consider religion to be ?  
A. Fantastic observance  
B. Spiritual practice  
C. Individual observance of tradition

D.A complex of activities 4.Which of the following is not true ? A.It is believed by some that religion should be what it ought to be. B. “ The path of enlightenment ” is a definition that the author doesn ‘ t agree to. C.According to the author , the committed believers define religion improperly. D.The author doesn ‘ t speak in favor of the definition of “ the sacred ” 。 5.Which of the following is religion according to the passage ? A.Performance of human beings. B.Buddha , monotheism and some tribal tradition. C.Practice separated from culture. D.All the above. 答案 : ACBDB[1] [2] [3] [4] 下一页 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。 详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)