

Quiz on Religion and Faith in Modern Cairo

Match the terms on the right with the definitions on the left.

_____ The ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by fasting from sunrise to sunset and celebrations at night.

_____ The celebration at the end of Ramadan whose name means “Celebration of the Breaking of the Fast.”

_____ The “Day of Sacrifice,” the holiday that commemorates Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice his son at God’s command.

_____ The pilgrimage to Mecca that all observant Muslims are supposed to make once in their lives if they can afford it.

_____ Although not an official holiday, many Egyptian celebrate this day, the 12th of Rabi al-Awwal, as a joyous event of one of the most important figures in Islam.

_____ The most important holiday on the Coptic Christian calendar, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

_____ The period before Easter when Egyptian Christians fast from sunrise to sundown and eat no meat.

_____ The secular holiday, rooted in ancient Egyptian tradition, that falls on the Monday afternoon and celebrates the arrival of spring.

_____ This holiday is celebrated according to the old Christian calendar on January 7, instead of December 25.

_____ This holiday falls on July 26, and commemorates the revolution that overthrew King Farouk.

A. Eid al-Adha

B. Egyptian National Day

C. Sham al-Nessim

D. Christmas (Eid Mawlid al-Meseeh)

E. Lent

F. Easter (Eid al-Fiseh)

G. The Prophet’s Birthday (Mawlid al-Nabi)

H. Ramdan

I. Hajj

J. Eid al-Fitr