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710: HINDU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Theory)

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Section B:

Question 21: Diwali

a) **Explain the significance of Diwali to Anjali.**

Diwali, also known as the "Festival of Lights," is one of the most significant and widely celebrated Hindu festivals. Its primary significance lies in symbolizing the **victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance**. The festival commemorates several historical and mythological events. Most prominently, it celebrates the return of Lord Rama, his wife Sita, and his brother Lakshmana to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile, following his victory over the demon king Ravana. People light lamps (diyas) and decorate their homes to welcome Lord Rama, symbolizing the triumph of righteousness. It's also a time to honor Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity, and Ganesha, the remover of obstacles, inviting their blessings for the coming year. The lighting of lamps signifies the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness, and the festive atmosphere promotes joy, unity, and renewal.