2.3 Evaluating the Reasons for and Importance of Christian Pilgrimage: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Give two reasons why individual Christians might choose to go on pilgrimage, naming the Christian context of seeking spiritual benefit or worship.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 Explain the importance of pilgrimage for some Christians today.

(Total for Question 2 is 6 marks)

3 Explain two ways pilgrimage might affect the daily life and practice of a Christian after they return home.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

one reason, e.g. to seek physical or spiritual healing, oe	**B1**
one reason, e.g. to give thanks to God or express gratitude, oe	**B1**

Answer: Any two distinct reasons from the specification, for example: to seek healing; to give thanks to God.

Question 2

Level 3 A detailed, well-organised answer that explains several reasons why pilgrimage is important for some Christians, supported by accurate reference to belief, practice or scripture, with clear links made between the reasons given.	**5-6**
Level 2 An answer that explains some reasons why pilgrimage is important, with some relevant supporting detail, though links between points may be limited.	**3-4**
Level 1 One or two isolated relevant points are made about the importance of pilgrimage, with little supporting detail or explanation.	**1-2**
Level 0 No relevant content.	**0**

Indicative content:

- Pilgrimage offers concentrated time for prayer and reflection, helping believers to grow spiritually.
- It can provide occasions for healing, repentance and renewal, supported by communal prayer and pastoral care.
- Shared pilgrimage strengthens church unity by enabling corporate worship and mutual support.
- Visiting places connected to Christian history, saints or scripture can make faith feel more tangible and real.
- Some Christians use pilgrimage to express gratitude to God after receiving blessings or answers to prayer.
- Pilgrimage may change long term behaviour by renewing commitment and inspiring service to others.

Question 3

point 1: it might lead to increased personal prayer and devotion, oe	**B1**
development: the pilgrim may adopt new spiritual habits or Bible reading that continue the inward change begun on pilgrimage, oe	**B1**
point 2: it might inspire greater service or charitable action in their local church or community, oe	**B1**
development: renewed commitment may motivate practical acts of love, fundraising or volunteering, oe	**B1**

Answer: E.g. increased daily prayer and new spiritual habits; renewed commitment leading to more service and charitable action locally.

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