2.3 Evaluating the Reasons for and Importance of Christian Pilgrimage: Test Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following best describes a common personal reason why Christians go on pilgrimage, in the context of Christian belief and practice?

- ☐ To find a place where God is more powerful than elsewhere
- ☐ To deepen personal faith through focused prayer and reflection
- ☐ To avoid local church responsibility for the rest of the year
- ☐ To take part in a compulsory rite that all churches require

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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2 Give three reasons why groups of Christians sometimes go on pilgrimage together rather than alone, naming the communal Christian context.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Give two ways in which pilgrimage can be an act of penance for a Christian, naming the context of repentance.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Give two benefits of shared corporate worship during a pilgrimage for a local church community when the pilgrims return, naming the communal Christian context.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

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5 Explain two reasons why Christians might go on pilgrimage seeking healing, and refer to a source of wisdom and authority in your answer, naming the scripture used.

(Total for Question 5 is 5 marks)

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Question 1

correct option identified, deepen personal faith through focused prayer and reflection, cao **B1**

Answer: To deepen personal faith through focused prayer and reflection.

Question 2

to share corporate worship and prayer, strengthening communal faith, oe **B1**

to support one another through shared experience, oe **B1**

to celebrate and give thanks together as a church group, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: to share corporate worship; to support one another; to celebrate and give thanks together.

Question 3

one way: visiting a holy site and praying for forgiveness, oe **B1**

one way: carrying out acts of sacrifice or hardship to show repentance, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two: praying for forgiveness at a holy site; undertaking hardship or sacrifice as an act of repentance.

Question 4

one benefit: stories and testimony from pilgrims can encourage and strengthen the faith of others, oe **B1**

one benefit: new ideas for worship or outreach learned on pilgrimage may be shared and adopted, strengthening church life, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. testimonies encourage others; new worship ideas or outreach practices strengthen church life.

Question 5

point 1: pilgrimage provides a place to ask God for physical or spiritual healing, oe **B1**

development: pilgrims may join in prayer, receive pastoral care, and take part in rituals that express hope and faith in God's healing, oe **B1**

point 2: pilgrimage can encourage repentance and trust in God, which some Christians associate with spiritual renewal and healing, oe **B1**

development: the change of environment and supportive community can strengthen faith and psychological wellbeing, aiding perceived recovery, oe **B1**

accurate reference to scripture used as a source of wisdom, e.g. James 5:14 about calling the elders to pray for the sick, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. visiting a healing shrine to ask God for healing and receive pastoral prayer; pilgrimage encouraging repentance, trust and community support which can aid recovery, supported by James 5:14 about calling the elders to pray for the sick.

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