3.8 The Night Journey: Isra and Mi'raj and Their Significance for Muslims: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Give three reasons why some Muslims commemorate Isra and Mi'raj today, in the context of communal memory and religious education.

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

2 Explain two features of the Mi'raj part of the Night Journey, naming the guide and two things Muhammad encountered during the ascent through the heavens.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Explain two ways the Qur'an or Hadith is used as a source of authority when Muslims refer to the Night Journey. Refer to a source of wisdom and authority in your answer and name the verse or text where appropriate.

(Total for Question 3 is 5 marks)

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Question 1

to teach and remind communities of the origin of the five daily prayers, oe **B1**

to celebrate an important event in the Prophet's life and strengthen religious identity, oe **B1**

to encourage reflection on belief in the unseen and trust in God's power, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. to teach the origin of prayers; to celebrate the Prophet's life and strengthen identity; to encourage reflection on the unseen and divine power.

Question 2

point 1: Jibril is the angel who guides Muhammad during the Mi'raj, oe **B1**

development 1: Jibril leads Muhammad through the seven heavens to meet earlier prophets, such as Ibrahim, Musa and Isa, oe **B1**

point 2: Muhammad meets earlier prophets and sees signs of the unseen realm during the ascent, oe **B1**

development 2: these meetings include greetings with Ibrahim and Musa, confirming continuity with earlier revelation, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. Jibril guides Muhammad through seven heavens meeting prophets like Ibrahim, Musa and Isa; Muhammad sees realities of the unseen realm.

Question 3

point 1: Muslims cite Qur'an 17:1 (Surah Al-Isra) as a Quranic reference to the Night Journey, oe **B1**

development 1: this verse states that God took His servant by night from the Sacred Mosque to the far mosque, supporting belief in Isra, oe **B1**

point 2: many Hadith collections provide fuller narrative detail about the Mi'raj, including meetings with prophets and the giving of prayer, oe **B1**

development 2: Hadith such as those in Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim are used to explain the sequence of events and the origin of the five daily prayers, oe **B1**

for: accurate naming of a Qur'an verse or a named Hadith collection as the source, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. Qur'an 17:1 supports Isra; Hadith in Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim give details of Mi'raj and the command about prayer.

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