3.8 The Night Journey: Isra and Mi'raj and Their Significance for Muslims: Test Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Multiple choice question on the setting of the Night Journey, Isra, in the Islamic narrative: choose the one correct option.

- ☐ A) Muhammad travelled by camel from Makkah to Madinah
- ☐ B) Muhammad was taken from Makkah to Jerusalem on Buraq
- ☐ C) Muhammad sailed from Makkah to Abyssinia
- ☐ D) Muhammad walked from Makkah to Taif

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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2 Give two reasons why Muslims regard the Isra and Mi'raj as important events in Prophet Muhammad's life, in the context of belief in prophethood.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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3 State two differences between how the Isra and the Mi'raj are described, in the narrative context of the Night Journey story.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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4 Explain two ways the Isra and Mi'raj narrative might encourage moral behaviour among Muslims today, in the context of everyday ethical decisions.

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

5 Explain two ways belief in the Night Journey supports Muslim belief in the unseen realm, angels and life after death in the context of Islamic doctrine.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

choice B, Muhammad was taken from Makkah to Jerusalem on Buraq, cao **B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

it confirms Muhammad's special status as a prophet who experiences miracles, oe **B1**

it provides divine instruction for worship, especially the establishment of the five daily prayers, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. confirms Muhammad's prophetic status through a miracle; leads to the instruction about the five daily prayers.

Question 3

difference 1: Isra is the night journey from Makkah to Jerusalem, a physical ride on Buraq, oe **B1**

difference 2: Mi'raj is the ascension from Jerusalem through the seven heavens to stand before God, oe **B1**

for: differences stated clearly and distinctly, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. Isra is the night travel from Makkah to Jerusalem on Buraq; Mi'raj is the heavenly ascension from Jerusalem through the seven heavens to meet God.

Question 4

point 1: belief that the Prophet received commandments such as prayer encourages discipline and regular ethical reflection, oe **B1**

development 1: regular prayer can shape character, promote honesty, patience and responsibility in daily life, oe **B1**

point 2: seeing the Prophet rewarded with closeness to God can inspire imitation of his example, encouraging moral conduct, oe **B1**

development 2: Muslims may follow prophetic teachings more closely, including care for others, charity and justice, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. obligation to pray fosters discipline and moral reflection; the Prophet's exalted experience inspires imitation of his ethical example, promoting charity and justice.

Question 5

point 1: Mi'raj describes encounters with angels such as Jibril, supporting belief in angels as real beings, oe **B1**

development 1: seeing the heavens and meeting prophets during the ascent provides believers with evidence of a spiritual realm beyond ordinary sight, oe **B1**

point 2: the narrative includes references to afterlife realities, reinforcing belief in Akhirah, oe **B1**

development 2: for many Muslims the experience of the Prophet acts as a reliable demonstration that life continues beyond death and that moral accountability exists, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. encounters with angels and prophets show the reality of spiritual beings; seeing heavenly things and references to afterlife realities support belief in Akhirah.

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