4.3 Laylat al-Qadr and the Last Ten Nights of Ramadan: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following best defines Laylat al-Qadr, the Night of Power, as understood in Islam during the month of Ramadan?

- ☐ A The night when Eid al-Fitr is celebrated
- ☐ B The night when the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to Muhammad
- ☐ C The night when all Muslims must complete the Hajj pilgrimage
- ☐ D The night when the Prophet Muhammad was born

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Define the term i'tikaf as it is practised by some Muslims during the last ten nights of Ramadan in the mosque.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Outline three ways Muslims often mark the last ten nights of Ramadan in mosques and at home.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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4 Give three features of the practice of i'tikaf during the last ten nights of Ramadan.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5 State two textual sources that Muslims might use to support the observance of Laylat al-Qadr and give the short reference for one of them.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

selecting B, Laylat al-Qadr as the night when the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to Muhammad **B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

a period of spiritual retreat usually spent in a mosque devoted to prayer, Qur'an recitation and reflection, oe **B1**

Answer: A period of spiritual retreat, usually spent in a mosque, devoted to prayer, Qur'an recitation and reflection.

Question 3

increased night prayer such as extra taraweeh or tahajjud prayers, oe **B1**

intensive recitation and study of the Qur'an, often aiming to complete its reading, oe **B1**

performing i'tikaf, staying in the mosque for a period of retreat and devotion, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: extra night prayers (taraweeh or tahajjud); increased Qur'an recitation or study; performing i'tikaf in the mosque.

Question 4

staying in the mosque for extended periods, often the final ten nights, oe **B1**

spending time in prayer, Qur'an recitation and reflection rather than normal daily activities, oe **B1**

limiting social contact and focusing on worship, sometimes with simple meals in the mosque, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: staying in the mosque for the period, focusing on prayer and Qur'an recitation, reducing normal social activities to concentrate on worship.

Question 5

source 1: the Qur'an, for example Surah 97 (Al-Qadr) 97:1-5, oe **B1**

source 2: hadith reports about the Prophet Muhammad's practice of seeking the night in worship, oe **B1**

Answer: Qur'an (Surah 97:1-5) and hadith about the Prophet seeking Laylat al-Qadr; citation example: Surah Al-Qadr 97:1-5.

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