7.3 The Nature and Importance of Dreams as a Source of Knowledge of God: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Define the term 'dream' as used in the study of religious experience, in the context of Theme C on knowledge of God.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Give two reasons why some people believe dreams can be a source of knowledge about God, in the context of Theme C on religious experience.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 Give three features commonly associated with prophetic or divinely inspired dreams in religious traditions, relevant to Theme C.

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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4 State two ways in which Joseph's dreams in Genesis influenced events in his life and the lives of others, as covered by Theme C.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

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5 Explain two ways dreams are used as evidence for the existence of God, referring to Theme C ideas about divine communication through dreams.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

a series of images, sensations or thoughts that occur during sleep and may be interpreted as carrying meaning, oe **B1**

Answer: A series of images, sensations or thoughts that occur during sleep and may be interpreted as carrying meaning.

Question 2

they report receiving guidance or warnings that seem to come from a divine source, oe **B1**

dreams can produce deep conviction or conversion, changing belief or behaviour, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two: reports of divine guidance or warnings; dreams leading to deep conviction or conversion.

Question 3

vividness or clarity beyond ordinary dreams, oe **B1**

containment of specific, useful information or warnings, oe **B1**

the dream leads to changes in behaviour or is later shown to be fulfilled, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: vivid clarity; specific information or warnings; leads to behavioural change or later fulfilment.

Question 4

they led to Joseph being resented and sold into slavery by his brothers, oe **B1**

they later enabled Joseph to interpret the Pharaoh's dreams and save Egypt from famine, raising his status, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two: caused his brothers to resent and sell him; led to him interpreting Pharaohs dreams and saving Egypt from famine, raising his status.

Question 5

point 1: a dream that gives accurate, verifiable information or prophecy may be taken as evidence of a supernatural source, oe **B1**

development: for example a dream that correctly predicts an event or reveals unknown facts can convince the dreamer a divine agent provided the knowledge, oe **B1**

point 2: dreams that prompt moral change or deep conversion are used as internal evidence that a divine presence influenced the person, oe **B1**

development: the lasting change in attitude or behaviour is taken as supporting evidence that the dream had a spiritual origin rather than being a random mental event, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. verifiable prophetic dreams seen as evidence of supernatural source; dreams causing moral change seen as internal evidence of divine influence.

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