7.6 The Argument from Miracles: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 This question checks key vocabulary used in the argument from miracles.

(a) State what is meant by a miracle. **(1)**

(b) State what is meant by 'a violation of the laws of nature', as Hume defined a miracle. **(1)**

(c) State what is meant by testimony, in the context of miracles. **(1)**

(d) State what is meant by providence. **(1)**

(e) State what is meant by an eyewitness. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Give three examples of events described as miracles in religious teaching or tradition.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Explain two ways belief in miracles might affect a believer's life today.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

(a) an event which cannot be explained by natural or scientific laws and is believed to have a religious cause or significance, oe **B1**

(a) Answer: An event that cannot be explained by natural laws and is believed to have a religious cause.

(b) an event that goes against a law of nature that is otherwise universally and exceptionlessly observed, oe **B1**

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(c) an account or report given by a witness about an event they claim to have experienced, oe **B1**

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(d) God's guiding and caring involvement in the world or in believers' lives, oe **B1**

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(e) a person who personally saw or experienced an event and can give a first-hand account of it, oe **B1**

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Question 2

Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana (John 2), oe **B1**

Jesus healing a man who had been blind from birth (John 9), oe **B1**

claimed healings at religious pilgrimage sites, e.g. Lourdes, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: water into wine at Cana (John 2); healing a man born blind (John 9); claimed healings at Lourdes.

Question 3

point 1: a believer might continue to pray for healing or intervention in difficult circumstances, trusting God is able to act miraculously if he chooses, oe **B1**

development: e.g. some churches hold healing services or organise pilgrimages to sites such as Lourdes in hope of a miraculous cure, oe **B1**

point 2: a believer might feel their faith strengthened or renewed by hearing testimonies of miracles from others in their community, even without direct personal experience, oe **B1**

development: e.g. sharing 'answered prayer' stories in a church or mosque community can encourage others to trust in God's ongoing involvement in the world, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. continued prayer for healing/intervention; faith strengthened by shared testimonies.

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