

Religious Education Assessment: Understanding Islam

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the beliefs, practices, and traditions within Islam.

Read each question carefully. Use the provided word bank to support your answers where appropriate. Write your responses clearly in the spaces provided.

Islam is a faith with over one billion followers worldwide. Muslims believe in one God, Allah, and follow the teachings found in their holy book. The way of life for a Muslim is guided by the Five Pillars, which act as a framework for worship and charity. Daily life is often punctuated by prayer, and community life centres around the Mosque.

Word bank: Qur'an · Mosque · Allah · Salah · Five Pillars · Ramadan · Makkah · Zakat

1. Name the holy book of Islam and explain why it is important to Muslims. (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the prayer ritual performed five times a day? Describe one physical action involved in this prayer. (2 marks)

3. Define 'Zakat'. Explain why giving to those in need is considered a vital part of a Muslim's faith. (3 marks)

4. Identify two of the 'Five Pillars of Islam' and describe what they involve. (4 marks)

5. Compare the function of a Mosque to a place of worship you are familiar with. What features do they share? (4 marks)

6. Why do Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan? Mention the importance of self-discipline and reflection in your answer. (5 marks)

7. Explain why Makkah is a significant city for Muslims globally. Justify why the pilgrimage (Hajj) is considered a life-changing event. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a pattern or design inspired by Islamic art, which often uses complex geometric shapes and symmetrical patterns.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the Five Pillars to a friend who has never heard of them. Write a short paragraph justifying why these pillars are helpful for a person to live a kind and disciplined life. What might happen to a community if these pillars were not practiced? Total: /25