

Religious Education Assessment: Understanding Eid

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the significance, traditions, and communal aspects of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Islamic festivals to provide detailed, thoughtful answers. Ensure your spelling and grammar are accurate.

Eid al-Fitr, the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', marks the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting, prayer, and reflection. Eid al-Adha, the 'Festival of Sacrifice', honours the willingness of the Prophet Ibrahim to follow God's command. Both festivals are central to the Islamic faith, focusing on charity, family gatherings, and showing appreciation for blessings received throughout the year.

Word bank: Sawm · Zakat · Moon-sighting · Community · Generosity · Gratitude · Ibrahim · Ramadan

1. Identify one specific way in which Muslims prepare for the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. (1 mark)

2. Explain the significance of Zakat al-Fitr. Why is this act of charity considered vital during the Eid celebrations? (3 marks)

3. Max is curious about the calendar. Why do the dates for Eid change every year compared to the Gregorian calendar? Explain the connection to the lunar cycle. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the focus of Eid al-Fitr with Eid al-Adha. How do the intentions of these two festivals differ? (4 marks)

5. Nova wants to know how Eid strengthens the sense of community within the Islamic faith. Give two examples of communal activities. (4 marks)

6. Justify why festivals like Eid are important for maintaining cultural and religious identity in a diverse society. Consider the impact on both the individual and the wider community. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene that represents the spirit of Eid. Include elements such as festive decorations, traditional food, or acts of charity, and label the items to explain their significance.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to a friend who has never experienced Eid. Describe the atmosphere of the day, the values being celebrated, and explain why these festivals are meaningful to millions of people worldwide. Use at least three terms from the word bank. Total: /25