Religious Education Assessment: The Festival of Diwali

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the significance, traditions, and symbolism of Diwali within the Hindu faith.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your answers. Write your responses clearly on the lines provided.

Diwali is widely known as the Festival of Lights. It is a significant celebration for Hindus, as well as for Sikhs and Jains. During this time, families clean their homes, wear new clothes, and share delicious sweets with friends and neighbours. The festival symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, goodness over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Word bank: Diyas · Lamps · Rangoli · Light · Darkness · Lakshmi · New beginnings · Goodness · Evil

1. 1. Why is Diwali often called the 'Festival of Lights'? (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. 2. Name one thing that families do to prepare their homes for the festival. (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. 3. What are 'Diyas' and how are they used during the festival? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. 4. Explain what a 'Rangoli' pattern is and why people create them outside their homes. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. 5. Nova the Owl is curious about the meaning behind the festival. Explain the symbolic meaning of 'light overcoming darkness' in your own words. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. 6. Max the Monkey has £5.00 to spend on decorations for a Diwali celebration. If he buys a box of tea lights for £2.50 and a packet of coloured sand for £1.20, how much money does he have left? Show your working out. (3 marks) (3 marks)

7. 7. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are celebrating Diwali with your friends. Describe your day, including what you would wear, the food you might share, and why you think it is important for families to celebrate together. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a colourful Rangoli pattern inside a square frame. Use symmetrical shapes like circles, triangles, and flower petals to make it look beautiful.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research one other festival that uses light as a symbol and write one sentence explaining how it is similar to Diwali.