Zara’s Dazzling Diwali Patterns

1. C (1 mark)

Working: The passage identifies Rangoli as the floor patterns.

C

2. A (1 mark)

Working: The passage links Rangoli patterns to the festival of Diwali.

A

3. B (1 mark)

Working: The passage states coloured powder is a common material.

B

4. True (1 mark)

Working: It is a tradition to place them at the entrance to welcome guests.

True

5. False (1 mark)

Working: Rangoli patterns are usually carefully planned and often symmetrical.

False

6. Symmetrical (1 mark)

Working: Symmetry means both sides match exactly.

Symmetrical

7. Coloured powder, sand, or flower petals. (1 mark)

Working: These materials provide the bright colours mentioned.

Accept any mention of coloured materials like powder, sand, or petals.

8. To welcome guests and bring good luck. (1 mark)

Look for: Mention of welcoming visitors or bringing luck.

Good: To say hello to people.

Better: To welcome visitors into their home.

Best: Families place them at the door to welcome guests and bring good luck to the house.

What moves an answer up: The best answer includes both the purpose of welcoming and the cultural reason of luck.

9. Flower petals or rice. (1 mark)

Working: These are natural items often used in Rangoli.

Accept either flower petals or rice.

10. It makes the home look beautiful for the festival. (1 mark)

Look for: Connection between the pattern and the celebration/beauty.

Good: It looks nice.

Better: It makes the home look beautiful for the Diwali festival.

Best: It is important because it makes the home look beautiful and celebrates the festival of lights.

What moves an answer up: The best answer links the visual beauty to the specific context of the festival.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer shows an understanding that Rangoli is a deliberate, artistic tradition used to welcome guests during Diwali. Children should recognise the link between symmetry and the visual appeal of the patterns.

If your child is stuck

Ask your child to imagine they are decorating their front door for a special party. What would they put there to make it look inviting and bright?

Common mistakes to watch for

Children may think Rangoli is just 'messy' art rather than a precise, planned design. They might also confuse the materials used (e.g., thinking it is made of paint rather than dry materials like powder or petals).