# Easter Traditions and Celebrations

### 1. Lent lasts for forty days. (1 mark)

Working: Text states: 'Lent, which lasts for forty days.'

*Accept 'forty days'.*

### 2. People might share chocolate eggs with their families. (1 mark)

Working: Text states: 'people often celebrate with family, share chocolate eggs'.

*Accept 'sharing chocolate eggs' or 'celebrating with family'.*

### 3. Christians believe Easter is a time of hope because it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. The text says this is seen as a message of hope and new life. (3 marks)

*Look for: Linking the resurrection to the concept of hope and new life.*

Good: It is a time of hope because of the resurrection.

Better: It is a time of hope because Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, which brings new life.

Best: Christians believe it is a time of hope because the text says the resurrection of Jesus is 'seen as a message of hope and new life'.

*What moves an answer up: Moving from simple recall to quoting and explaining the text's specific reasoning.*

### 4. Good Friday is the day Christians remember the events leading up to the end of Holy Week. Easter Sunday is the day that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. (4 marks)

*Look for: Distinction between the solemn events of Holy Week and the celebration of the resurrection.*

Good: Good Friday is for remembering and Easter Sunday is for the resurrection.

Better: Good Friday is part of Holy Week, while Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

Best: Good Friday marks the events of Holy Week, whereas Easter Sunday is the joyful celebration of the resurrection, which represents new life.

*What moves an answer up: Adding detail about the significance of the events moves the answer up.*

### 5. 1. Eggs are a symbol of new life hatching. 2. Daffodils are a symbol of spring and nature waking up after winter. (4 marks)

*Look for: Connecting symbols to the theme of 'new life' or 'spring'.*

Good: They are used because they look like spring.

Better: They are used because eggs represent new life and daffodils grow in spring.

Best: Eggs are used because they represent new life hatching, and daffodils are used because they show nature blooming in spring, matching the Easter message.

*What moves an answer up: Using specific biological/seasonal reasons improves the quality.*

### 6. Easter is a special time because it is about new life. Just like flowers grow in spring, it is a time to feel happy and hopeful. People share eggs and spend time with their families to celebrate. (5 marks)

*Look for: Simple, empathetic language suitable for a younger child.*

Good: Easter is special because we get chocolate eggs and it is spring.

Better: Easter is special because it is about new life. It is a happy time when we see flowers growing and spend time with family.

Best: Easter is a special time because it celebrates new life. Just like the flowers in the garden, it is a time for hope. People feel happy because they share treats and celebrate with their families.

*What moves an answer up: Using descriptive language and linking the 'new life' theme to the child's experience.*

### 7. A village community could hold a shared lunch for elderly neighbours. This shows kindness because it makes sure nobody is lonely during the holiday and brings people together to celebrate. (7 marks)

*Look for: A practical act of kindness and a clear reason why it is helpful.*

Good: They could give eggs to people to be kind.

Better: They could host a tea party for the village. This is kind because it helps people feel included.

Best: The community could organise a shared lunch for elderly neighbours. This shows kindness because it

prevents loneliness and helps everyone feel part of the village celebration.

*What moves an answer up: Providing a specific, community-focused action and explaining the social benefit.*

## What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding of the link between the Christian narrative of the resurrection and the secular symbols of spring/new life.

## If your child is stuck

Ask the child to look at the 'word bank' provided on the sheet to help them structure their sentences.

## Common mistakes to watch for

Children often confuse the religious meaning of Easter with the secular tradition of chocolate eggs; encourage them to see how both relate to the theme of 'new life'.