Celebrating Eid: A Special Time for Families

1. The two main festivals are Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha. (2 marks)

Working: Identified from the second sentence of the passage.

1 mark for each correct festival name.

2. Ramadan. (1 mark)

Working: Found in the second sentence of the passage.

1 mark for the correct term.

3. It is called this because it happens after a month of fasting during Ramadan, so it marks the end of that period. (3 marks)

Look for: Linking the name to the end of the fasting period.

Good: It is called that because people stop fasting.

Better: It is called the 'festival of breaking the fast' because it comes after a whole month of fasting during Ramadan.

Best: It is called this because it marks the end of Ramadan, which is a month where many Muslims fast during the day.

What moves an answer up: Moving from a simple statement to including the specific context of Ramadan makes the answer more precise.

4. Zakat is giving to charity. It is important because it helps people who have less and shows generosity. (4 marks)

Look for: Defining Zakat as charity and explaining its purpose as helping others.

Good: Zakat is giving money to charity to help people.

Better: Zakat is a type of charity. It is important during Eid because it helps those who have less than others.

Best: Zakat is the act of giving to charity. It is important during Eid because it allows families to share their happiness by helping those who have less.

What moves an answer up: Adding the connection to 'sharing happiness' links the act of charity to the spirit of the festival.

5. Similarities include: 1. Spending time with family and friends. 2. Eating special food together. (5 marks)

Look for: Two clear similarities between Eid and other festivals.

Good: They both have food and family.

Better: Both Eid and other festivals involve eating special meals and visiting friends and family.

Best: Eid is similar to other festivals because it is a time for togetherness with family and friends, and it involves sharing delicious food.

What moves an answer up: Using full sentences and specific examples from the text improves the quality of the comparison.

6. Eid is a wonderful celebration for families. After Ramadan, people enjoy Eid-ul-Fitr with new clothes. Families show great generosity by giving Zakat to help others. It is a time to visit friends and share happiness. Everyone feels joy during this special time. (5 marks)

Look for: Five sentences, use of three word bank terms, and a focus on family.

Good: Eid is a celebration. It comes after Ramadan. People give Zakat. Families eat food. It is very special.

Better: Eid is a happy celebration for families. It happens after Ramadan. People give Zakat to help others. They wear new clothes and eat food. It is a time for togetherness.

Best: Eid is a time for joy and togetherness for families. After the fasting of Ramadan, people celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. Families show generosity by giving Zakat to help those in need. It is a special time to visit friends and share happiness. Everyone enjoys the festival together.

What moves an answer up: The best answer flows well, uses the vocabulary naturally, and captures the emotional tone of the text.

7. 1. Giving Zakat (charity). 2. Visiting friends and family. 3. Sharing delicious food. (5 marks)

Look for: Three distinct actions mentioned in the text.

1 mark for each valid point, plus 2 marks for clear explanation/full sentences.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer shows an understanding that Eid is a time for both personal celebration and community support. Pupils should be able to link the vocabulary terms to the actions described in the text.

If your child is stuck

Ask the child to re-read the passage and underline the sentences that mention 'giving' or 'helping'. This will help them identify the parts about Zakat and generosity.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often confuse the two Eids or forget that Zakat is specifically for charity rather than just a general gift.