Celebrating Eid: A Journey of Reflection and Joy

1. B (2 marks)

Working: Eid al-Adha is known as the Festival of Sacrifice and occurs after the Hajj.

Award 2 marks for the correct letter B.

2. A (2 marks)

Working: Zakat al-Fitr is specifically associated with the end of Ramadan (Eid al-Fitr).

Award 2 marks for the correct letter A.

3. A (2 marks)

Working: Ramadan is the month of fasting that precedes Eid al-Fitr.

Award 2 marks for the correct letter A.

4. Both A and B (2 marks)

Working: The passage notes that special prayers and dressing up are common to both festivals.

Award 2 marks for identifying both festivals.

5. Charity is essential because it ensures that everyone in the community can participate in the joy of the celebration, regardless of their financial situation. (3 marks)

Look for: The student should link charity to community support, equality, or fulfilling religious duties.

Good: It is important because it helps poor people get money for the festival.

Better: Giving Zakat is important because it makes sure everyone in the community has enough to eat and can enjoy the celebration.

Best: Zakat is essential because it promotes equality and compassion, ensuring that those in need can celebrate Eid with dignity and joy alongside the rest of the community.

What moves an answer up: The answer improves by moving from a simple statement of 'helping' to explaining the deeper social and moral purpose of the act.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding that both festivals share common traditions like prayer and charity, while having distinct religious origins. Pupils should be able to articulate the social importance of Zakat.

If your child is stuck

Ask your child to think about why we share gifts or food during celebrations. Remind them that Eid is a time for community, and ask how they would feel if a friend couldn't join in the fun because they didn't have the resources.

Common mistakes to watch for

Confusing the two Eids is common; remember that 'Fitr' relates to the end of fasting (Ramadan), while 'Adha' relates to the sacrifice and the Hajj pilgrimage.