Test answer key : Ghunnah: the nasal sound of noon and meem

Tajweed

Answer key and marking scheme for the test on "Ghunnah: the nasal sound of noon and meem" (Tajweed), with the 20 points broken down.

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Exercise 1 Definitions and length (4 pts)

Answer each question briefly.

1. Define: ghunnah
   → The ghunnah is a nasal sound that comes from the nose. It is always present on a noon or a meem carrying a shaddah and lasts about 2 counts.
2. What is the length of the ghunnah on a meem with a shaddah?
   → About 2 counts.
3. How can you check that you are making the ghunnah correctly?
   → By gently pinching the nose: the sound should be disturbed, because it passes through the nose.
4. The two letters of the ghunnah are ___ and ___.
   → ن and م

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 2 The letters (4 pts)

Answer the questions.

1. Name the letters involved in this rule.
   → م ن
2. Does the letter “ن” trigger the rule?
   → Yes
3. Does the letter “ث” trigger the rule?
   → No
4. Does the letter “س” trigger the rule?
   → No

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 3 Applying the rule (4 pts)

Does the letter carry an obligatory ghunnah? Answer yes or no.

1. مِّ
   → **Yes**
2. لَّ
   → **No**
3. نِّ
   → **Yes**
4. رَّ
   → **No**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 4 Identifying the rule (5 pts)

In each passage, only one rule is marked on the site: “ghunnah” or “idgham with ghunnah”. Which one?

1. فَأَمَّا مَن طَغَىٰ
   → **ghunnah**
2. كِتَٰبٌ مَّرْقُومٌ
   → **idgham with ghunnah**
3. وَٱدْخُلِى جَنَّتِى
   → **ghunnah**
4. فِى رَقٍّ مَّنشُورٍ
   → **idgham with ghunnah**
5. وَعِنَبًا وَقَضْبًا
   → **idgham with ghunnah**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 5 Comparing and explaining (3 pts)

Answer in one or two sentences.

1. The ghunnah of a doubled meem and the one of ikhfa shafawi: what is the difference in situation?
   → **The doubled meem has a shaddah; ikhfa shafawi concerns a meem sakinah followed by ب. Both last 2 counts.**
2. Do the natural madd and the ghunnah last the same number of counts?
   → **Yes, both last 2 counts; but madd comes from the mouth (madd letter) and the ghunnah from the nose.**
3. The ن of a word like “مَنْ” is sakin. Does it carry the “obligatory” ghunnah of doubled letters?
   → **No: the obligatory ghunnah is only on نّ and مّ with shaddah; the noon sakinah follows the rules of izhar, idgham, iqlab or ikhfa.**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

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