Test answer key : Hamzat al-wasl: the alif that disappears when you join words

Tajweed

Answer key and marking scheme for the test on "Hamzat al-wasl: the alif that disappears when you join words" (Tajweed), with the 20 points broken down.

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Exercise 1 Definitions and length (4 pts)

Answer each question briefly.

1. Define: hamzat al-wasl
   → Hamzat al-wasl is an alif, written ٱ, that is pronounced only when you start reading with that word. When you join it to the previous word, it disappears.
2. What does “wasl” mean?
   → Joining, linking.
3. Why is the hamzat al-wasl called a “linking alif”?
   → Because it only helps to start; when words are joined it drops and the words link.
4. The article “ٱل” starts with a hamzat ___.
   → al-wasl

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 2 The sign and the situation (4 pts)

Answer the questions.

1. How is the hamzat al-wasl written?
   → ٱ
2. You start reading with a word in ٱ: is it pronounced?
   → Yes
3. You join it to the previous word: is it pronounced?
   → No
4. Name a very common kind of word that starts with ٱ (hint: the article).
   → The article “ٱل) ”ال).

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 3 Applying the rule (4 pts)

Is the hamzat al-wasl pronounced in this situation? Answer yes or no.

1. Resuming reading after a breath, on a word with ٱ
   → **Yes**
2. Joining two words where the second starts with ٱ
   → **No**
3. Start of reading with a word in ٱ
   → **Yes**
4. Reading linked from the end of a word to ٱ
   → **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: “hamzat al-wasl” or “lam qamariyyah”. Which one?

1. إِلَّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ وَعَمِلُوا۟ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلصَّبْرِ
   → **hamzat al-wasl**
2. ٱلْحَآقَّةُ
   → **lam qamariyyah**
3. وَٱلضُّحَىٰ
   → **hamzat al-wasl**
4. ٱلْقَارِعَةُ
   → **lam qamariyyah**
5. طَعَامُ ٱلْأَثِيمِ
   → **lam qamariyyah**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 5 Comparing and explaining (3 pts)

Answer in one or two sentences.

1. Which stays visible in writing, the hamzat al-wasl or the hamza of qat'?
   → **Both are written; but only the hamza of qat' is always pronounced.**
2. At the start of reading, is the hamzat al-wasl pronounced?
   → **Yes, so that the word can start.**
3. What happens to the lam of the article when the hamzat al-wasl drops?
   → **The lam links to the previous word; it is then pronounced or silent depending on the next letter (moon or sun letter).**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

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