Test answer key : Ikhfa: hiding the noon sakinah and tanween

Tajweed

Answer key and marking scheme for the test on "Ikhfa: hiding the noon sakinah and tanween" (Tajweed), with the 20 points broken down.

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Exercise 1 Definitions and length (4 pts)

Answer each question briefly.

1. Define: ikhfa
   → Ikhfa means “hiding”. The noon sakinah or tanween is neither clear nor merged: it is hidden, with a ghunnah of about 2 counts, before 15 letters.
2. Does the tongue touch the palate during the ghunnah of ikhfa?
   → No: the tongue approaches the next letter without touching the palate.
3. Why is ikhfa said to be “between izhar and idgham”?
   → The noon is neither clear nor fully merged: it is hidden with ghunnah.
4. Before ب the noon becomes a meem: it is ___.
   → iqlab

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 2 The letters (4 pts)

Answer the questions.

1. Name the letters involved in this rule.
   → ت ث ج د ذ ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ف ق ك
2. Does the letter “ت” trigger the rule?
   → Yes
3. Does the letter “خ” trigger the rule?
   → No
4. Does the letter “و” trigger the rule?
   → No

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 3 Applying the rule (4 pts)

After a noon sakinah or tanween at the end of a word, the first letter of the next

word is given. Does the rule apply? Yes or no.

1. ضـً +
   → **Yes**
2. بْ + نْ
   → **No**
3. جْ + نْ
   → **Yes**
4. رٌ + ـً
   → **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: “ikhfa” or “izhar”. Which one?

1. وَكَأْسًا دِهَاقًا
   → **ikhfa**
2. وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ
   → **izhar**
3. فِى رَقٍّ مَّنشُورٍ
   → **ikhfa**
4. نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ؟
   → **izhar**
5. عُذْرًا أَوْ نُذْرًا
   → **izhar**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 5 Comparing and explaining (3 pts)

Answer in one or two sentences.

1. What is the difference with ikhfa shafawi?
   → **Ikhfa shafawi hides a meem sakinah before ب only.**
2. Is the ghunnah of ikhfa the same length as that of a doubled noon?
   → **Yes, about 2 counts.**
3. Before ض ق ظ ط ص, is ikhfa said to be heavier?
   → **Yes: the ghunnah takes on the heavy colour (tafkhim) of the next letter.**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

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