Test answer key : Ikhfa shafawi: the meem sakinah before ب

Tajweed

Answer key and marking scheme for the test on "Ikhfa shafawi: the meem sakinah before ب" (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 shafawi
   → **When a meem sakinah is followed by ب, it is hidden: the lips barely touch and the nasal sound lasts about 2 counts.**
2. Do the lips close completely?
   → **No: they come barely together, without pressing.**
3. Why is it called “shafawi”?
   → **Because the meem and the ب come from the lips.**
4. The word “shafawi” comes from the word for “lips”: ___.
   → **shafatayn**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 2 The letters (4 pts)

Answer the questions.

1. Name the letters involved in this rule.
   → **ب**
2. Does the letter “ب” trigger the rule?
   → **Yes**
3. Does the letter “ج” trigger the rule?
   → **No**
4. Does the letter “ش” trigger the rule?
   → **No**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

Exercise 3 Applying the rule (4 pts)

A meem sakinah is followed by the given letter. Does the rule apply? Yes or no.

1. مْ + بَ
   → **Yes**
2. مْ + ن
   → **No**
3. مْ + بُ
   → **Yes**
4. مْ + س
   → **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 shafawi” or “izhar shafawi”. Which one?

1. لَّسْتَ عَلَيْهِم بِمُصَيْطِرٍ
   → **ikhfa shafawi**
2. وَأَنتُمْ سَٰمِدُونَ
   → **izhar shafawi**
3. أَمَدَّكُم بِأَنْعَٰمٍ وَبَنِينَ
   → **ikhfa shafawi**
4. وَيَسِّرْ لِىٓ أَمْرِى
   → **izhar shafawi**
5. أَحْيَآءً وَأَمْوَٰتًا
   → **izhar shafawi**

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 the ikhfa of the noon (15 letters)?
   → **The noon's ikhfa hides a noon sakinah or tanween before 15 letters; ikhfa shafawi hides a meem sakinah before ب only.**
2. Is the ghunnah the same length in both kinds of ikhfa?
   → **Yes: about 2 counts.**
3. Should the lips close as for a doubled meem?
   → **No: here the lips only barely approach.**

Marking : 1 point per correct answer.

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