4.2 Umrah and Exemption from the Obligation of Hajj: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following best describes Umrah, in the context of Islamic pilgrimage to Makkah?

- ☐ A a required pilgrimage that must be performed once in a lifetime during the month of Dhul Hijjah
- ☐ B a lesser pilgrimage that can be performed at any time of year and shares some rites with Hajj
- ☐ C the ritual fasting period that prepares Muslims for Hajj
- ☐ D the formal declaration of faith made at the Kaaba

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Explain two ways that being exempt from Hajj for reasons such as illness or poverty might affect a Muslim's religious life and practice. Refer to the context of exemption in each point.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

3 Explain two contrasting Muslim beliefs about whether Umrah is an adequate substitute for Hajj. Refer to the Qur'an or a hadith in one of your points and name the religious source used.

(Total for Question 3 is 5 marks)

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Question 1

selecting option B, Umrah is a lesser pilgrimage that can be performed at any time of year and shares some rites with Hajj, cao **B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

point 1: an exemption may lead a Muslim to focus on other forms of worship such as increased prayer, charity and fasting, oe **B1**

development: explain that these acts can compensate spiritually and maintain religious commitment despite inability to perform Hajj, oe **B1**

point 2: an exemption may cause feelings of sadness or regret but also acceptance, relying on the principle that God does not require what is impossible, oe **B1**

development: explain that this acceptance is rooted in belief in Allah's mercy and justice and may lead to hope to perform Hajj later, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. focusing on other worship like prayer and charity to maintain spiritual life; mixed emotions of sadness and acceptance grounded in belief in Allah's mercy and the limits of obligation.

Question 3

belief 1: some Muslims believe Umrah is not an adequate substitute because Hajj includes unique rites and a specific time in Dhul Hijjah commanded in hadith and tradition, oe **B1**

development: explain that Hajj includes standing at Arafat and rites with particular spiritual status which Umrah does not replicate, oe **B1**

belief 2: other Muslims believe Umrah has great value and can provide significant spiritual benefit when Hajj is impossible, oe **B1**

development: explain that Umrah is praised in hadith and is a meritorious act of worship that brings forgiveness and closeness to Allah, oe **B1**

for the required reference: a clear reference to a Qur'anic verse or hadith is given accurately by book/source name, for example a hadith about the merits of visiting the Kaaba or general Qur'anic teaching on pilgrimage and supplication, oe **B1**

Answer: Contrast: some say Umrah cannot replace Hajj because Hajj includes unique, time-bound rites such as standing at Arafat; others say Umrah is highly meritorious and brings spiritual benefit when Hajj is not possible, with a hadith or Qur'anic reference offered to support the second view.

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