4.4 Sunni and Shi'a Differences in Islamic Practice: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following is a practice specific to many Shi'a Muslims, contrasted with the Sunni framework of the Five Pillars, in the context of obligations and giving?

- ☐ A. Observing the Five Pillars as the complete list of duties
- ☐ B. Paying Khums as an additional obligatory form of giving
- ☐ C. Performing Hajj to Mecca
- ☐ D. Celebrating Id-ul-Fitr after Ramadan

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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2 Give two similarities in festival practice between Sunni and Shi'a communities, naming the festival and the shared practice.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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3 State two reasons why some Sunni Muslims emphasise keeping five distinct prayer times rather than combining prayers, focusing on practical and communal effects.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Give three ways in which Shi'a practice of giving differs from typical Sunni practice, excluding doctrinal reasons and focusing on practical effect.

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

5 Explain two ways the obligation of Khums affects Shi'a community life in practice, excluding doctrinal justification.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

selection of B, Khums as a Shi'a-specific obligatory form of giving, cao **B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

one correct similarity named, oe **B1**

a second correct similarity named, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. Id-ul-Fitr is celebrated with communal prayer and charity in both Sunni and Shi'a communities; Id-ul-Adha is marked by prayer and remembrance of Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice in both communities.

Question 3

one correct reason given, oe **B1**

a second correct reason given, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. keeping five distinct times promotes regular discipline and remembrance throughout the day; separate adhans and gatherings support mosque attendance and community cohesion.

Question 4

one distinct correct way, oe **B1**

a second distinct correct way, oe **B1**

a third distinct correct way, oe **B1**

Answer: Any three: payment of Khums as an additional obligatory payment; different allocation of charitable funds due to Khums; continued practice of zakah alongside Khums rather than as the sole obligatory tax.

Question 5

point 1: Khums provides an additional channel of resources for religious leaders and community projects, oe **B1**

development 1: explanation that funds collected as Khums can support religious education, welfare of orphans and community institutions, affecting local charity distribution, oe **B1**

point 2: Khums can create different expectations about individual financial responsibility compared with communities that rely mainly on zakah, oe **B1**

development 2: explanation that this may influence economic behaviour, charitable budgeting and relationships with religious authorities, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. Khums supplies funds for community and religious needs beyond zakah, affecting who administers charity; it also shapes individual financial obligations and how people plan giving, impacting community welfare structures.

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