4.9 Jihad: Greater and Lesser Jihad: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 This question checks key vocabulary used in Muslim teaching about jihad.

(a) State what is meant by jihad. **(1)**

(b) State what is meant by the Greater Jihad. **(1)**

(c) State what is meant by the Lesser Jihad. **(1)**

(d) Give one example of an action that could count as part of the Greater Jihad. **(1)**

(e) State which is considered by most Muslim scholars to be the more important or more difficult struggle: the Greater Jihad or the Lesser Jihad. **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)

2 Give three conditions that traditionally must be met before Lesser Jihad (armed struggle) is considered justified in Islamic teaching.

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Explain two reasons why the Greater Jihad is important for Muslims. Refer to Muslim teaching in your answer.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

(a) struggle or effort; striving in the way of Allah, oe **B1**

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(b) the internal, personal struggle to live according to Allah's will and resist sin/temptation, oe **B1**

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(c) the external struggle, which can include armed struggle, undertaken only under strict conditions, oe **B1**

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(d) e.g. resisting the temptation to lie, striving to control one's temper, or working hard to learn about and practise one's faith, oe **B1**

(d) Answer: E.g. striving to control one's temper.

(e) the Greater Jihad, oe **B1**

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Question 2

it must be a last resort, after peaceful means have failed, oe **B1**

it must be declared or led by a legitimate religious or political authority, not launched by individuals acting alone, oe **B1**

it must be defensive, in response to persecution or attack, oe (accept: civilians, women, children and religious sites must not be harmed; it must stop as soon as the enemy seeks peace; it must be proportionate) **B1**

Answer: Any three: a last resort; declared by a legitimate authority; defensive only; civilians must not be harmed; proportionate; must stop when the enemy seeks peace.

Question 3

point 1: it represents the daily, lifelong effort to submit to Allah's will and resist wrongdoing, and many Muslims consider it the truest meaning of 'struggle' in Islam, oe **B1**

development: a widely repeated tradition attributed to the Prophet, though scholars debate the strength of its chain of transmission, describes him returning from a military campaign and telling his companions 'we have returned from the lesser jihad to the greater jihad', meaning the struggle against one's own soul, oe **B1**

point 2: it applies to every Muslim, every day, unlike the Lesser Jihad, which only applies in specific, restricted circumstances, oe **B1**

development: because it covers ordinary daily choices, such as honesty and self-control, the Greater Jihad is something every Muslim can, and is expected to, take part in throughout their life, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. it is the daily struggle to submit to Allah and resist wrongdoing (the widely repeated 'greater jihad' saying, whose chain of transmission scholars debate); it applies to every Muslim every day, unlike Lesser Jihad.

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