9.9 Islamic Criminal Justice: Shariah, Hudud, Qisas and Diyya: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Which one of the following best describes hudud punishments, in the context of Islamic criminal justice under Shariah?

- ☐ A. Punishments set by a community vote
- ☐ B. Fixed penalties prescribed for specific offences in Shariah
- ☐ C. Financial payments always paid to the state
- ☐ D. Sentences only applied in civil disputes

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Give two examples of offences that may be treated as hudud under classical Islamic law, in the context of the AQA Theme E topic on Shariah punishments.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

3 State two aims of hudud punishments within the Shariah system, naming the aims as they relate to social order and justice.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Give two short ways that diyya can protect society, within the Shariah legal framework.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

5 Explain two differences between qisas and diyya in Islamic criminal justice, framed by the aim of protecting society under Shariah.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

correct option B, hudud are fixed penalties prescribed for specific offences in Shariah, cao **B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

one correct hudud offence named, such as theft, adultery (zina), robbery, false accusation of zina (qadhf), or drinking alcohol, oe **B1**

a second correct hudud offence named, distinct from the first, oe **B1**

Answer: Any two distinct hudud offences, e.g. theft and adultery (zina).

Question 3

to deter others from committing similar offences, oe **B1**

to uphold public moral standards and protect society, oe **B1**

Answer: To deter others from offending; to uphold moral standards and protect society.

Question 4

it can prevent cycles of revenge by providing a peaceful settlement, oe **B1**

it provides financial support to victims' families, reducing social disruption, oe **B1**

Answer: Prevents revenge cycles; provides financial support to victims' families.

Question 5

point 1: qisas is the principle of equal retaliation for murder or injury, oe **B1**

development: qisas allows the victim's family to seek a similar harm to the offender, reflecting the idea of justice and deterrence, oe **B1**

point 2: diyya is financial compensation offered to the victim or family as an alternative to qisas, oe **B1**

development: diyya aims to restore social balance and can avoid further violence while providing practical support to the victim's family, oe **B1**

Answer: E.g. qisas is equal retaliation, while diyya is financial compensation offered instead; qisas focuses on retributive justice, diyya on compensation and social repair.

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