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Lesson 1: 1. Introduction to Fiqh al-Mu'amalat

1. What does the word "fiqh" literally mean in Islamic legal terminology?

- A) Deep understanding.
- B) Customary practice.
- C) Analogical reasoning.
- D) Public interest.

2. Which of the following is the default rule in mu'amalat (interpersonal dealings)?

- A) Impermissibility until proven permitted.
- B) Permissibility (ibahah) unless a clear prohibition exists.
- C) Mandatory execution of all contracts.
- D) Immutability identical to 'ibadat.

3. What are the primary sources of Islamic commercial law stated in the source?

- A) Istihsan, maslahah, 'urf, and ijma'.
- B) Qur'an, Sunnah, ijma', and qiyas.
- C) Tirmidhi, 'urf, maslahah, and qiyas.
- D) Maqasid, ibahah, 'ibadat, and fiqh.

4. Which higher objective (Maqasid al-Shari'ah) is specifically protected through Islamic financial jurisprudence?

- A) Protection of wealth (mal).
- B) Absolute maximization of profit.
- C) Universal elimination of trade contracts.
- D) Fixed devotional performance of 'ibadat.

Answer Key

* **1. A** — Fiqh literally means deep understanding in Islamic jurisprudence.

* **2. B** — The default rule governing mu'amalat is permissibility (ibahah) unless a clear prohibition exists.

* **3. B** — The primary sources of Islamic commercial law are the Qur'an, Sunnah, ijma', and qiyas.

* **4. A** — Islamic financial jurisprudence exists to protect wealth (mal) as one of the higher objectives of Islamic law.

Lesson 2: 2. The Concept of 'Aqd (Contract)

1. What happens to a contract if a fundamental pillar (rukun) is missing?

- A) It is sahih.
- B) It is fasid.
- C) It is batil (void) and has no legal effect at all.
- D) It is automatically converted into a loan.

2. A sale executed with an unknown price is classified under Islamic contract law as:

- A) Sahih (valid).
- B) Batil (void).
- C) Fasid (defective), which must be corrected or cancelled.
- D) Khiyar al-majlis.

3. What does the term "majlis al-'aqd" refer to in contract formation?

- A) Full legal capacity of a minor.
- B) The session of contracting where offer and acceptance occur.
- C) An option granted to cancel a contract after one year.
- D) The higher objective of wealth protection.

4. Which of the following is required for full legal capacity (ahliyyah)?

- A) Puberty, sanity, and prudence.
- B) Absence of subject matter.
- C) Unilateral cancellation by a third party.
- D) Excessive uncertainty (gharar).

Answer Key

* **1. C** — If a pillar is missing, the contract is batil (void) with no legal effect.

* **2. C** — Missing a condition such as a known price makes a sale fasid (defective), requiring correction or cancellation.

* **3. B** — Majlis al-'aqd is the session of contracting in which offer and acceptance take place.

* **4. A** — Full legal capacity (ahliyyah) requires puberty, sanity, and prudence.

Lesson 3: 3. Riba: The Prohibition of Interest**1. What is Riba al-nasi'ah?**

- A) Spot exchange of gold for silver.
- B) Any contractual increase charged on a loan for deferment or time.
- C) Sale of goods at cost price without profit.
- D) A joint partnership where loss follows capital ratios.

2. Exchanging 1 kg of dates for 2 kg of dates on the spot is an example of:

- A) Riba al-fadl.
- B) Riba al-nasi'ah.
- C) Bay' al-tawliyah.
- D) Bay' al-salam.

3. Which of the following is NOT listed among the six ribawi commodities in the hadith of 'Ubadah ibn al-Samit?

- A) Gold and silver.
- B) Wheat and barley.
- C) Dates and salt.
- D) Horses and camels.

4. According to the Hanafi school, what is the 'illah (effective cause) for riba al-fadl?

- A) Being currency or food.
- B) Same genus plus measurability.
- C) Deferment of payment only.
- D) Manufacturing to specification.

Answer Key

- * **1. B** — Riba al-nasi'ah is the contractual increase charged on a loan for deferment or time.
- * **2. A** — Exchanging unequal amounts of the same ribawi commodity on the spot constitutes riba al-fadl.
- * **3. D** — The six ribawi commodities explicitly listed are gold, silver, wheat, barley, dates, and salt.
- * **4. B** — The Hanafi school identifies the 'illah for riba al-fadl as same genus combined with measurability.
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Lesson 4: 4. Gharar, Maysir and Prohibited Elements

1. What is the definition of gharar in Islamic commercial transactions?

- A) Contractual increase charged for deferment of time.
- B) Excessive uncertainty or deception that may lead to dispute.
- C) Mutual donation to a common pool.
- D) Transfer of debt obligation to a third party.

2. Which type of uncertainty is tolerated in Islamic contract law?

- A) Major uncertainty (gharar fahish) touching contract pillars.
- B) Minor, unavoidable uncertainty (gharar yasir).
- C) Complete ignorance of price and subject matter.
- D) Sale of fish still swimming in the sea.

3. How does the Qur'an describe maysir (gambling)?

- A) Permissible trade with mutual consent.
- B) A great sin and an abomination of Satan's handiwork.
- C) A secondary tool of juristic preference.
- D) The default rule of interpersonal dealings.

4. What is the prohibited practice of "najsh"?

- A) Hoarding goods to manipulate market prices.
- B) False bidding to artificially inflate prices.
- C) Coercing a party into signing a contract.
- D) Selling manufactured goods in installments.

Answer Key

- * **1. B** — Gharar is defined as excessive uncertainty or deception in a contract that may lead to dispute.
- * **2. B** — Minor, unavoidable uncertainty (gharar yasir) is tolerated and excused in contracts.
- * **3. B** — The Qur'an groups maysir with intoxicants, calling it a great sin and Satan's handiwork.
- * **4. B** — Najsh refers specifically to false bidding designed to artificially inflate prices.
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Lesson 5: 5. Bay': The Contract of Sale

1. What is Bay' al-murabaha?

- A) Sale at cost without profit.
- B) Sale at a disclosed loss.
- C) Sale at cost plus an agreed, disclosed profit margin.
- D) Currency exchange on a spot basis.

2. Which contract requires full advance payment at the time of contract for future delivery of fungible goods?

- A) Istisna'.
- B) Bay' al-salam.
- C) Bay' al-wadi'ah.
- D) Bay' al-musawamah.

3. How does Istisna' differ from Bay' al-salam regarding payment terms?

- A) Istisna' requires full advance payment at contract signing.
- B) Istisna' allows deferred or installment payments, whereas salam requires full advance payment.
- C) Istisna' prohibits any cash payment.
- D) Istisna' is restricted strictly to agricultural commodities.

4. What type of sale refers to selling an item at cost price without taking any profit?

- A) Bay' al-tawliyah.
- B) Bay' al-wadi'ah.
- C) Bay' al-sarf.
- D) Bay' al-murabaha.

Answer Key

* **1. C** — Bay' al-murabaha is a sale at cost plus a disclosed profit margin.

* **2. B** — Bay' al-salam requires full advance payment at contract execution for future delivery of fungible goods.

* **3. B** — Istisna' permits deferred or stage-based payments, whereas salam requires complete advance payment.

* **4. A** — Bay' al-tawliyah is defined as a sale at cost without any profit margin.

Lesson 6: 6. Murabaha: Cost-Plus Financing

1. What is the core feature that distinguishes a Murabaha transaction from an interest-based loan?

- A) The bank charges interest based on market rates.
- B) The bank buys and owns the asset, taking ownership risk before selling it at a disclosed cost plus profit margin.
- C) The bank guarantees that the client will receive a profit return.
- D) The price is adjusted and compounded if the customer defaults.

2. According to AAOIFI standards, how must the bank's purchase and sale be structured in a bank Murabaha?

- A) As a single combined agreement.
- B) As two separate contracts.
- C) As a loan agreement followed by a penalty clause.
- D) As a partnership where losses are shared equally.

3. What happens to the fixed sale price in a Murabaha contract if the buyer defaults on payments?

- A) The price increases automatically to account for delay.
- B) The debt is compounded monthly.
- C) The price cannot be increased on default, though late penalties may be directed to charity.

D) The contract converts into an interest-bearing loan.

4. In a Murabaha to the purchase orderer structure, what level of possession by the bank is sufficient before selling to the customer?

- A) Physical delivery only.
- B) Constructive possession.
- C) No ownership or possession is required.
- D) Permanent ownership that cannot be transferred.

Answer Key

* **1. B** — Murabaha involves a genuine sale with ownership risk on an asset, rather than an increase charged on a loan.

* **2. B** — AAOIFI standards mandate that the bank's initial purchase and subsequent sale to the client be executed as two separate contracts.

* **3. C** — Once fixed, the Murabaha price is frozen and cannot be increased on default; late penalties, if applied, must go to charity.

* **4. B** — Constructive possession by the bank prior to selling the asset to the client satisfies Shari'ah requirements.

Lesson 7: 7. Salam and Istisna' in Detail

1. Which condition is strictly required for a valid Salam contract according to the hadith narrated in Bukhari and Muslim?

- A) Payment must be deferred until delivery.
- B) Full advance payment at contract for goods of known measure, weight, and delivery term.
- C) The subject matter must be a custom manufactured object.
- D) The delivery date must remain flexible and unspecified.

2. How does Istisna' differ from Salam regarding payment terms?

- A) Istisna' requires full advance payment at the session of contracting.
- B) Istisna' does not require advance payment, allowing payment in installments or deferred terms.
- C) Salam allows payment in installments while Istisna' requires full cash upfront.
- D) Neither contract allows deferred payments under any circumstances.

3. In a parallel Salam arrangement, how does an Islamic bank earn a margin?

- A) By charging interest on advanced funds.
- B) By entering back-to-back Salam contracts as a buyer from a producer and a seller to a buyer.
- C) By taking an equity share in the farmer's land.
- D) By issuing interest-bearing bonds.

4. According to the Hanafi view, when does an Istisna' contract become non-revocable unilaterally?

- A) Before the contract is signed.
- B) Once manufacture begins.
- C) Only after full payment is received.
- D) Upon completion of delivery.

Answer Key

* **1. B** — Salam requires full advance payment at the time of contract for fungible goods with specified measure, weight, and delivery date.

* **2. B** — Unlike Salam, Istisna' requires no full advance payment and permits flexible or installment payment options.

* **3. B** — In parallel Salam, the bank executes two separate back-to-back Salam contracts to earn a trading margin.

* **4. B** — Under the Hanafi school, an Istisna' contract cannot be cancelled unilaterally once manufacturing has commenced.

Lesson 8: 8. Ijara: Leasing

1. In an Ijara contract, what is specifically transferred from the lessor to the lessee?

- A) Ownership of the corpus asset.
- B) Transfer of usufruct (manfa'ah) for an agreed consideration (ujrah).
- C) A debt obligation bearing interest.
- D) Permanent equity share in the bank.

2. Who bears the ownership risks, such as major maintenance and insurance of the corpus, in an Ijara contract?

- A) The lessee alone.
- B) The lessor.
- C) The government.
- D) Both parties equally as a penalty.

3. What must be done in Ijara muntahia bittamlik to avoid the prohibition of 'two transactions in one'?

- A) Combine the lease and sale into a single clause.
- B) Keep the lease contract and the promise to transfer ownership as separate documents.
- C) Require the lessee to pay full price upfront.
- D) Prohibit the transfer of ownership at any time.

4. What happens to rent payments if the leased asset is totally destroyed without the lessee's negligence?

- A) Payments continue until the original lease term ends.
- B) The lease terminates and no further rent accrues.
- C) Rent is doubled to compensate the lessor.
- D) The contract automatically converts into a Murabaha loan.

Answer Key

* **1. B** — Ijara is the sale of usufruct (manfa'ah) for rent (ujrah), while the lessor retains asset ownership.

* **2. B** — The lessor retains asset ownership and is responsible for major maintenance and corpus insurance.

* **3. B** — To comply with Shari'ah and avoid combining two contracts in one, the lease agreement and ownership transfer promise must remain distinct documents.

* **4. B** — Total destruction without lessee negligence terminates the Ijara contract, halting any further rent obligations.

Lesson 9: 9. Mudarabah and Musharakah: Partnerships

1. In a Mudarabah contract, who bears the financial loss if the business incurs a loss without negligence or breach?

- A) The mudarib (working partner) bears all financial losses.
- B) The rabb al-mal (capital provider) bears the financial loss, while the mudarib loses effort.
- C) The bank guarantees that no financial loss will occur.
- D) Both parties split financial losses equally regardless of capital contribution.

2. How are financial losses distributed among partners in a Musharakah partnership?

- A) Strictly in proportion to each partner's capital contribution.
- B) Based on an arbitrary agreed profit ratio.
- C) Borne entirely by the managing partner.
- D) Paid by the government insurance fund.

3. What is the standard partnership structure used for Islamic home financing in Pakistan where the bank's share is gradually bought out?

- A) Shirkat al-mufawada.
- B) Diminishing musharakah (musharaka mutanaqisa) combined with ijara.
- C) Mudarabah al-muqayyadah.
- D) Salam financing.

4. In both Mudarabah and Musharakah, what type of return is strictly prohibited?

- A) Sharing profits based on an agreed ratio.
- B) Guaranteeing a fixed profit return on capital.
- C) Distributing profit after auditing.
- D) Allowing one partner to manage business operations.

Answer Key

* **1. B** — In Mudarabah, financial loss is borne solely by capital (rabb al-mal), whereas the working partner loses invested effort.

* **2. A** — In Musharakah, losses must be shared strictly according to each partner's capital ratio.

* **3. B** — Diminishing musharakah combined with ijara allows the client to progressively purchase the bank's asset share in home financing.

* **4. B** — Guaranteeing a fixed return on capital is prohibited as it constitutes riba.

Lesson 10: 10. Wakalah, Kafalah, Hawalah and Rahn

1. What is Wakalah in Islamic commercial law?

- A) An agency contract where one person authorizes another to act on their behalf for a fee or performance incentive.
- B) A pledge of physical collateral for a debt.
- C) A transfer of debt from one debtor to another.
- D) A guarantee of a third party's obligation without fee.

2. In a Kafalah (guarantee) contract, what fee restriction applies to the guarantor?

- A) The guarantor may charge a fee for the guarantee amount itself.
- B) The guarantor may charge a service fee (ujr), but not a fee based on the guaranteed debt amount.
- C) No fees or service charges are allowed under any circumstances.
- D) The guarantor must collect interest on the debt.

3. What does the contract of Hawalah facilitate?

- A) Transfer of usufruct over leased property.
- B) Transfer of an established debt obligation from one debtor to another.
- C) Forward purchase of agricultural produce.
- D) Joint partnership in labor and capital.

4. In a Rahn (pledge) contract, what is the pledgee forbidden from doing with the pledged asset?

- A) Holding the asset as security for a debt.
- B) Benefiting from the pledged asset, as that would constitute riba.
- C) Returning the asset upon repayment of debt.
- D) Inspecting the asset's condition.

Answer Key

- * **1. A** — Wakalah is an agency agreement where an agent (wakil) acts on behalf of a principal.
- * **2. B** — A guarantor in Kafalah can charge for actual services rendered (ujr), but cannot charge a fee for providing the guarantee amount itself.
- * **3. B** — Hawalah is the contract used to transfer an established debt from one debtor to another.
- * **4. B** — The pledgee holding Rahn cannot derive profit or benefit from the pledged property, which would amount to riba.

Lesson 11: 11. Takaful: Islamic Insurance

1. What are the primary grounds on which classical scholars object to conventional insurance?

- A) Lack of capital investment and excess liquidity.
- B) Gharar (uncertainty of payout), maysir (chance-based gain), and riba (investment of premiums at interest).
- C) High administration fees and lack of government supervision.
- D) Absence of physical asset ownership in insurance policies.

2. How does the takaful model replace the sale of risk present in conventional insurance?

- A) Through fixed interest payments provided to policyholders.
- B) Through mutual contribution where participants donate (tabarru') to a common pool.
- C) By transferring all underwriting risk directly to shareholders.
- D) By issuing interest-bearing bonds to cover claims.

3. In the Wakalah takaful model, how does the operator manage the pool?

- A) The operator acts as an agent and manages the pool for a fee.
- B) The operator receives all underwriting surplus as corporate profit.
- C) The operator guarantees a fixed profit return to investors.
- D) The operator absorbs all operational financial losses out of capital.

4. In Pakistan, which body regulates takaful under the Takaful Rules 2012?

- A) State Bank of Pakistan Shari'ah Board.

- B) Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).
- C) Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI).
- D) Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB).

Answer Key

- * **1. B** — Classical scholars object to conventional insurance due to gharar, maysir, and riba.
- * **2. B** — Takaful relies on mutual contribution and donation (tabarru') to a common pool rather than buying or selling risk.
- * **3. A** — In the Wakalah model, the operator manages the takaful pool as an agent in exchange for a fee.
- * **4. B** — Takaful in Pakistan is regulated by the SECP under the Takaful Rules 2012.

Lesson 12: 12. Sukuk: Islamic Capital Market Instruments

1. What do sukuk certificates represent for holders, distinguishing them from conventional bonds?

- A) Pure debt claims earning fixed interest.
- B) Undivided ownership in tangible assets, usufruct, or a business venture.
- C) Non-refundable monetary donations to financial institutions.
- D) Unsecured loans granted directly to the government.

2. Which sukuk structure is the most common and involves an SPV buying assets and leasing them back?

- A) Sukuk al-mudarabah.
- B) Sukuk al-ijara.
- C) Sukuk al-salam.
- D) Sukuk al-istisna'.

3. Under Islamic commercial rules, which type of sukuk is generally NOT tradable at face value rules?

- A) Sukuk representing real tangible assets.
- B) Sukuk representing usufruct.
- C) Pure debt receivables like murabaha or salam receivables.
- D) Sukuk backed by business ventures.

4. Which institutions in Pakistan approve the structures for government and corporate sukuk issues?

- A) The Ministry of Finance and foreign commercial banks.
- B) The Shari'ah Advisory Board of SBP and SECP Shari'ah boards.
- C) AAOIFI and IFSB supreme councils exclusively.
- D) The State Stock Exchange Trading Committee.

Answer Key

- * **1. B** — Sukuk represent undivided ownership in real assets, usufruct, or ventures rather than interest-bearing debt claims.
- * **2. B** — Sukuk al-ijara is the most common structure, where an SPV purchases assets and leases them back.

* **3. C** — Sukuk representing pure debt receivables (such as murabaha or salam receivables) are generally not tradable at face value.

* **4. B** — Sukuk structures in Pakistan are approved by the Shari'ah Advisory Board of SBP and SECP Shari'ah boards.

Lesson 13: 13. Shari'ah Governance and Islamic Banking in Pakistan

1. What is the primary role of an Islamic bank's internal Shari'ah Board?

- A) To manage daily cash operations and customer service.
- B) To approve products, audit compliance, and issue rulings.
- C) To determine interest rates and market inflation targets.
- D) To underwrite general insurance policies for corporate clients.

2. What must be done with non-compliant or impure income earned by an Islamic bank?

- A) It is distributed to shareholders as bonus dividends.
- B) It is added to the bank's general reserve fund.
- C) It must be purified by giving it to charity.
- D) It is returned to the central bank as tax.

3. Which international body based in Bahrain issues Shari'ah, accounting, and governance standards for Islamic finance?

- A) IFSB (Malaysia).
- B) SECP (Pakistan).
- C) AAOIFI (Bahrain).
- D) State Bank of Pakistan.

4. What is the primary role of the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) based in Malaysia?

- A) Issuing prudential standards for Islamic financial institutions.
- B) Managing sovereign ijara sukuk issuances.
- C) Regulating general takaful companies in South Asia.
- D) Approving individual commercial sales contracts.

Answer Key

* **1. B** — An Islamic bank's Shari'ah Board is responsible for approving products, auditing compliance, and issuing rulings.

* **2. C** — Non-compliant income cannot be retained as profit and must be purified by donation to charity.

* **3. C** — AAOIFI, based in Bahrain, sets international Shari'ah, accounting, and governance standards.

* **4. A** — IFSB, based in Malaysia, issues prudential standards for Islamic financial institutions.

Lesson 14: 14. Contemporary Issues and Exam Pointers

1. How is tawarruq (commodity murabaha for cash) viewed among scholars in contemporary Islamic finance?

- A) Universal agreement that it is the preferred mode for all transactions.
- B) Permitted by some scholars, but viewed by others as a legal trick (hilah).
- C) Strictly forbidden by all Islamic financial institutions without exception.

D) Classified as a core form of mudarabah partnership.

2. Is benchmarking profit or rent rates to KIBOR permitted in Islamic finance?

- A) Yes, it is permitted as a pricing reference, not as interest.
- B) No, using KIBOR automatically converts a sale into a riba contract.
- C) It is permitted only if the benchmark rate is fixed for 50 years.
- D) It is allowed only in agricultural salam contracts.

3. Where must late-payment penalties collected from defaulting clients be directed?

- A) Added to the bank's net profit margin.
- B) Given to charity, rather than kept as bank income.
- C) Paid directly to the central bank governor.
- D) Returned to the defaulting client at year-end.

4. Which four key angles are highlighted as covering nearly every BNK612 exam question?

- A) Historical biographies, general accounting, stock market analysis, and macroeconomics.
- B) Definitions, pairwise comparisons, step-by-step mechanisms, and scriptural evidences.
- C) Currency trading rules, maritime laws, civil litigation, and corporate taxation.
- D) Property appraisal, derivative pricing, bond yields, and commercial leasing math.

Answer Key

* **1. B** — Tawarruq is permitted by some scholars but criticized by others as a legal trick (hilah).

* **2. A** — Benchmarking to KIBOR is permissible when used strictly as a pricing reference rather than as interest.

* **3. B** — Late-payment penalties cannot form part of bank income and must be donated to charity.

* **4. B** — The four key exam angles are definitions, pairwise comparisons, step-by-step mechanisms, and scriptural evidences.

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