

The Four Properties of ISM

Definiteness · Gender · Number · I'raab

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How to use this quiz: watch the lesson first, then answer every question from memory before checking your notes. The vocabulary sheet at the end may be used for the translation-into-Arabic questions. When you have finished, download the Model Answers from the lesson page and mark your own work. Aim for 20/25 or better before moving on.

True or False?

1 pt each

- 1 Every ism carries all four properties at the same time — without exception. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 2 Three of the four properties work almost identically in English. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

- 3 I'raab has a direct equivalent in English grammar. T ☐ F ☐

if false, write the correct statement

Multiple Choice

5 pts

- 4 Which of these is NOT one of the four properties of an ism? 2 pts

- (a) Definiteness
(b) Gender
(c) Tense
(d) Number

- 5 Which TWO of these are states of i'raab? 3 pts

- (a) Rafa' (رَفْعُ)
(b) Mufrad (مُفْرَدُ)
(c) Jarr (جَرُّ)
(d) Ma'rifah (مَعْرِفَةُ)

Apply What You Learnt

7 pts

- 6 Write the meaning of each course short form: D · fg · d · J 4 pts

one meaning each

- 7 Give the Arabic terms for: definite · indefinite · dual 3 pts

you may use the vocabulary sheet

Quranic Verse

7 pts

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Surah Al-Fatihah 1:2 – “All praise is for Allah – Lord of all worlds.”

- 8 List all four properties of الْحَمْدُ as it appears in this verse. 4 pts
- 9 In بِسْمِ اللَّهِ (1:1), the ism بِسْمِ ends with a kasrah. Which i'raab state is it in — and what caused it? 3 pts

In Your Own Words

3 pts

- 10 Why can you not read Quranic text with understanding without knowing the four properties? 3 pts

Marking: points shown beside each question

Total = 25 pts

Lesson Vocabulary

noun-plus	إِسْمٌ indefinite	نَكْرَةٌ dual (exactly two)	مُثْنَى
verb	فِعْلٌ masculine	مُذَكَّرٌ plural (three or more)	جَمْعٌ
particle	حَرْفٌ feminine	مَوْثِقٌ	
definite	مَعْرِفَةٌ singular	مُفْرَدٌ	

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