

Faculty of Shariah and Law Semester I, 2016/2017 Academic Session

Examination Question Paper

Course Code : LS 4301

Course Name: Usul al-Ijtihad Wa al-Ifta'

Course Level: Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) & Bachelor of

Shariah Law (BSL)

Time : 3 hours

Notes:

1. Answer any five questions from Part One.

2. Answer all questions from Part Two.

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Part One

QUESTION 1 (8 marks)

Elaborate the meaning and characteristics of ijtihad.

QUESTION 2 (8 marks)

What are the differences between *ijtihad* and *qiyas* according to *imam al-Shafi'i* and later scholars of *Usul al-Fiqh*?

QUESTION 3 (8 marks)

How ijtihad is needed in the life of a Muslim community? Elaborate with examples.

QUESTION 4 (8 marks)

A mujtahid was approached by a layman to answer his religious question, but he apologized and refused to answer. Is the mujtahid right in his decision?

QUESTION 5 (8 marks)

Discuss the scope of ijtihad in Islam.

QUESTION 6 (8 marks)

Compare *ijtihad* during the time of the Companions (sahabah) and the time of the Prophet (pbuh).

Part Two

QUESTION 1 (10 Marks)

Based on the case presented, a *mujtahid* has to decide on the proper approach to attempt it. Discuss the various modes of ijtihad.

QUESTION 2 (5 Marks)

Discuss the responsibility of a layman (mustafti) in looking for fatwa and applying it.

QUESTION 3 (5 Marks)

Describe how the madhahib fiqhiyyah were established?

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