

Unit 1: Lesson 2 - Assessment [Teacher Edition]

The Spectrum of Certainty and Judgment Types

Section 1: True or False - Indicate whether each of the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.

1. In Islamic epistemology, the statement 'God exists' is considered an empirical judgment.
TRUE FALSE
2. 'Force is mass times acceleration' is an example of a revelatory judgment.
TRUE FALSE

Section 2: Multiple Choice - Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions.

1. Which type of judgment relies solely on the five senses?
 - a. Rational
 - b. Revelatory
 - c. Empirical
 - d. Philosophical
2. A judgment that is known only from Allah SWT and His Messenger (S) is categorized as:
 - a. Rational
 - b. Empirical
 - c. Revelatory
 - d. Analytical
3. Judgments that do not require thought and are immediately understood are known as _____ judgments.
Answer: Self-evident
4. A judgment that can be affirmed or negated and falls under both rational and empirical categories is known as a _____ judgment.
Answer: Possible

Section 3: Short Answer - Write a well-formulated response for each of the following.

1. Explain the difference between 'necessary' and 'impossible' judgments within the context of rational judgments.

Necessary judgments are those that cannot be negated and are often definitions or logical truths (e.g., 'The whole is greater than the part'). Impossible judgments are those that cannot be affirmed because they contain a contradiction or defy logic (e.g., 'A square circle').

2. Discuss how the concept of certainty or 'truth-ness' in judgments (Qat'i and Zanni) affects the understanding of scientific propositions in the Islamic epistemological framework.

In Islamic epistemology, Qat'i refers to conclusive propositions that are certain and unequivocal, while Zanni pertains to probabilistic propositions that are not absolutely certain. Understanding this categorization is crucial in the Islamic framework, as it influences how scientific propositions are interpreted. Scientific judgments, often empirical and subject to change with new evidence, are generally considered Zanni. This categorization acknowledges the evolving nature of scientific knowledge and its potential alignment or divergence with established religious truths (Qat'i).

3. Matching Exercise - Match the following statements with the correct type of judgment (Rational, Empirical, or Revelatory).

Humans will be resurrected after death. - Revelatory

Water boils at 212°F (100°C) at sea level. - Empirical

The sum of angles in a triangle is 180 degrees. - Rational