ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Reading Comprehension Passage 28 MCQ Test With Answers – ISLAM ON WOMEN

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1	**A**	2	**E**	3	**C**	4	**D**	5	**D**										

Explanations

1. ***It is obvious that the author is of the opinion that women in Islam are***
✓ A) discriminated against.
The author stresses that wives can be beaten, cannot sue for divorce and are placed under men's authority. He also says it is **worthwhile to set out the facts** because some people deny that women are **inferior** in Islam. So in his opinion women are **discriminated against**, meaning they are treated unfairly and worse than men. Not **treated with kindness**: the passage mentions kindness only as a rule for husbands, not as the author's overall view.

2. ***A woman cannot apply to a court for divorce simply because***
✓ E) she is not allowed to by Islamic law.
Paragraph 2 says: **A woman cannot sue for divorce on any grounds**. To **sue for divorce** means to ask a court for a divorce, and the passage presents this as a rule of Islamic law. Not **her husband may beat her**: this fact is mentioned in the same sentence, but it is not given as the reason.

3. ***A man***
✓ C) must show no favouritism among his wives.
Paragraph 1 says wives **are to be treated with kindness and strict impartiality**. **Impartiality** means treating everyone equally, so a man **must show no favouritism** among his wives. Not **must have four wives**: the passage says a man is **allowed** four wives, not that he has to have them.

4. ***The author refers to _____ to support his argument.***
✓ D) a Sûra from the Holy Qurân
In paragraph 2 the author quotes **Sûra 4:31** word for word to prove his point that women are seen as inferior. A **Sûra** is a chapter of the Qurân. Not **Muslim propagandists**: he mentions them only as people who disagree with him, not as support for his argument.

5. ***Choose the correct interpretation: The author***
✓ D) is aware that there are differences in practice from country to country.
The last sentence of the passage says that **in actual practice in the civilized communities of the Muslim world** a **more liberal view** of women is developing. This shows the author knows that practice differs from place to place. There is no evidence that he is a convert or a missionary, and he quotes the Qurân directly rather than relying on hearsay.

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