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**DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS ON LEVEL OF
UNDERSTANDING ZAKAT AL-MAL AMONG
MUAMALAT STUDENTS AT UITM MACHANG**

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ABSTRACT

Zakat is a fundamental pillar of Islam, and it is important for every Muslim to understand and practice it. This study aims to measure the level of understanding of Zakat Al-Mal among Muamalat students and outline the importance of this knowledge for their personal and professional development. The study uses quantitative methodology, using Krejcie and Morgan's formula (1970) to determine the sample size from the population of 240 Muamalat students at UiTM Machang. A total of 148 Muamalat students participated by answering a structured questionnaire. Data were analysed using SPSS, focusing on descriptive statistics. The results of the study show a positive awareness and understanding of Zakat Al-Mal among students. This study emphasises the need to strengthen a better understanding of Zakat Al-Mal among Muamalat students, which is important for their emotional and professional growth. By improving their knowledge, they can fulfil their religious obligations better and contribute to the effective collection and distribution of zakat in the community.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Research Background

One of the Five Pillars of Islam is zakat, which is one of the Islamic obligations. In literal terms, cleansing or purification is what zakat signifies. In a religious sense, zakat is the duty to provide a portion of one's assets or income to those who are deserving of it, including the underprivileged, the needy, debtors, Muslims, and freshly immigrated Muslims (*mu'allaf*). The Qur'an declares zakat and provides greater explanation in the Prophet Muhammad SAW's hadiths. Zakat is recognised as a significant component of worship and social justice in addition to being a financial requirement.

In an Islamic order, zakat is the most fundamental and important system. Its nature, structure, and purpose are better understood when viewed from the viewpoint of the entire Islamic way of life. As a result, it is crucial to clarify Islam's core principles and emphasise Zakat as a fundamental institution of social order. Zakat plays a significant part in the social and spiritual lives of Muslims since it is a fundamental component of Islamic theology (M Abdullah, 2011).

According to research from (Ibrahim et al., 2016) it gives a definition where there are two forms of zakat which are Zakat Al-Fitrah and Zakat on Wealth. Zakat Al-Fitrah which all Muslims must contribute throughout the month of Ramadan before to Eid prayers. It also stated that when it comes to the Zakat on wealth, the Quran and Hadith define certain categories of zakatable assets, which include trade commodities, animals, agricultural products, buried riches (*rikaz*), minerals, gold, and silver.

Muslims engage in wealth redistribution through zakat, which helps those in need and lessens societal inequality. Zakat is typically determined as a small portion of an individual's property, typically 2.5% of the total amount owned following fulfilment of specific requirements (*nisab*) and the passage of one *Hijri* calendar year. Additionally, zakat has specific regulations for different kinds of property, including cash, silver, gold, and merchandise.