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11803 - Division of the estate of a man who died and left behind a wife, mother, brother and sister

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A man died leaving behind a wife, a brother, a sister and a mother. How will the estate be shared among this heirs?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The man's estate should be divided among the heirs mentioned in the following manner:

The wife is given a quarter, the mother is given one-sixth, and the rest is shared between the brother and sister giving the male twice the share of the female.

So if, for example, he left behind 18,000:

His wife gets one quarter of the estate, which is 4500.

His mother gets one-sixth of the estate, which is 3000.

The rest (18,000 - 7500 = 10,500) is divided into three shares.

One third is given to the female, 3500.

Two-thirds are given to the male, 7000.

And Allaah knows best.