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The Publisher's Foreword

Allah, the Almighty, has enjoined:

“Why should not then a company from every party from among them go forth that they may apply themselves to obtain understanding in religion, and that they may warn their people when they come back to them that they may be cautious”. (9: 122)

The essence of "Obtaining understanding" *Tafaquh* comprises a process of learning and knowledge in religious belief, thought, and Divine legislation.

But if the term "*Fiqh*", Islamic jurisprudence, is restricted to a particular definition not covering the above-mentioned general and expanded meaning, "*Fiqh*" will be defined appropriately as absolute Islamic jurisprudent and the Divine laws such as: precepts of prayer, marriage, divorce, business, partnership, hiring, inheritance and so forth.

For purpose of organizing the social and devotional life of human beings, Islam calls upon man to the acquiring of understanding and learning of religious and legal precepts to such an extent that he would be able to perform his obligatory duties and protect himself from getting involved in illicit actions.

Thus, education in Islamic jurisprudence became an essential study at schools, colleges, and

universities in order to make students comprehend the precepts and laws of Islam so that they would follow accordingly, call the people to carry them out, and teach them properly and wisely.

In response to the practical needs of intermediate and secondary schools, the Department of Translation and Publication undertook the compiling and publication of (*Manhajul Fiqhil Islami*), a text book for teaching at schools. It is in two volumes: the present book concerns the precepts of prayer, a brief discussion on Islamic jurisprudence including references, "*Ijtihad*", independent judgment, "*Taqlid*", following, and the different Islamic schools of thought.

The second volume deals with Islamic rules of transactions and social and civil laws in order to acquaint the students with the fundamental precepts necessary in their daily life. The present book also explains the different viewpoints of Islamic laws existing among the Islamic schools of thought, included in the foot notes the details not essential for the students to learn but only as additional information.

Material included in this book has been based on authentic Islamic jurisprudence references. We appeal to the Almighty Allah to accept this humble endeavour. We hope that the teachers, professors and learned scholars on this subject who become acquainted with this book make their Valuable observations and viewpoints known to us. And finally all praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

Instructions for Pronunciation

The Arabic alphabet, 28 in number, are formed, with the help of the lips and the tongue, in the front, the middle, and the back of the vocal cavity. Generally, their sounds are, more or less, the same as those of the English alphabet, except for some consonants and vowels which are explained below;

1. The *Hamzah*, transliterated as (') sign, is pronounced like a glottal stop together with the three vowels:
 - a. Which sounds like the (a) vowel of the English word (an), ('i) which sounds like the initial vowel of (in) and ('u) which sounds like (oo) vowel in the English word (oops) / ups /
2. The digraph (th) sounds in Arabic like the (th) sound in the English word (three).
3. The transliteration (h) nearly has the sound of (h), but is formed at the back of the throat, as in *Hajj*.
4. (kh) is like the sound of the German (ach), as in *Khumus*.
5. (dh) is like the sound of (th) in the English word (that), as in *Dhikr*.
6. (s) has the sound of a thick (s) formed near the back of the throat, as in *Sawm*.

7. (d) is like the sound of (d) but formed by touching the upper incisor teeth with the tip of the tongue, as in *Wudu*.
8. (t) is formed by smacking the front of the tongue at the hard palate, in the place where the English (t) is formed, as in *Tahir*.
9. (‘) This is also a deep throat letter formed at the back of the throat, as in ‘*Alim*.
10. (gh) is formed by touching the upper palate with the middle of the tongue. It sounds like the Parisian (r), as in *Maghrib*.
11. (q) is formed by pressing the middle of the tongue to the palate, and then letting it go with a burst, as in Qur'an.

The Arabic Long Vowels

1. (a) sounds like (a) vowel in the English word (far), as in *Salat*.
2. (u) sounds like the long (ue) vowel in the English word (true) as in *Sujud*.
3. (i) sounds like (ee) i n (feet), as in *Takbir*.

The Arabic Short Vowels

1. (a) sounds like the vowel (a) in the English word (cat), as in *Faqih*.
2. (u) sounds like the vowel (u) in the English word (put), as in *Ghusl*.
3. (i) sounds like the vowel (i) in the English word (fit), as in *Kafir*.

A Note: Whenever there is a double letter in a transliterated Arabic word, it is to be pronounced as two separate letters. For example: (hh) in *Mutahhir* is to be pronounced: *Mutah-hir*.

N.B.

Our brother teachers are requested to exert much effort to teach the non-Arab students how to pronounce the Arabic letters and words as best as they can. May Allah help them in their righteous efforts!

Directives to the Brother Teachers of the Subject “Islamic Education”

The brother teachers of the subject "Islamic Education" know that the subject of the "*Islamic Fiqh*" (jurisprudence) explains to the Muslim a way of action, and tells him about his commitments, and responsibilities. The things he is allowed to do and the things he is not allowed to do, in a defined legal manner. Consequently, teaching this subject requires actual practice, along with precise instructions.

The following are to be taught to the students through actual demonstration. Such as; *As-Salat* [Islamic prayer], the rituals of the *Hajj* [pilgrimage to Mecca], the *Wudu* (ritual ablution), the *Ghusl* [ritual washing of the whole body], *Sajdatus-Sahw* [compensatory prostration] Then the students are to be asked, to perform them accurately and completely. It is preferred, however, to teach these rituals during their relevant seasons.

That is, the precepts of *As-Sawm* [Fasting], *Zakatul Fitr* (due-alms given on *Eidul-Fitr*) in the month of *Ramadan*, and *Salatul-Eid*. Also as the month of Dhul-Hijjah nears, the rituals of the *Hajj* should be taught. This would help the students in understanding the subject better, and to practice it correctly and effectively.

Brother teachers ought to be very strict in respect of the students' observance of and adherence to performing their own Islamic duties, especially the performance of the *Salat* in the school, and following it up with them. They are requested not to ask the students to memorize the comparative precepts stated in the footnotes, as it would perplex them and complicate the subject-matter for them. These footnotes were added for their benefit only, should they want to know more about the subject-matter.

The respected brother teachers are also requested to express their remarks, which can be used to make this educational course a scientific and suitable subject, capable of giving our dear children an Islamic education, as well as preparing an educated generation who acts according to Islam as a *Shari'ah*, a system, and a way of life.

May Allah, the Most High, help us all to acquire knowledge and act accordingly, He is Hearing and Responsive.

The Author

Definition of the Fiqh [Jurisprudence]

The word "*Fiqh*" in the Arabic language, means "understanding", and the jurisprudent is called "*Faqih*" because he understands the Glorious Qur'an and the Pure *Sunnah* [sayings and practices of the prophet (s)], and derives Islamic precepts and laws therefrom.

Having known the linguistic meaning of *Fiqh*, let us now understand what the "science of *Fiqh*" means. It means the science which studies different Islamic precepts and laws by reasoning and deduction, such as, the precepts concerning family, State, work, trade, companies and banks, as well as the precepts concerning the *Salat*, the *Sawm*, the *Hajj* and the *Zakah*, for the purpose of applying or practising them. The science of *Fiqh* is of great importance to Islam. That is why the Messenger of Allah (s) said, "When Allah wants a servant to be good, He makes him understand the religion".

The Primary Fundamental Sources of the Islamic Precepts:

We have said that this science (i.e. jurisprudence) teaches us different Islamic precepts and laws. In this lesson we want to know the basic sources from which the *Faqih* derives the Islamic precepts and laws, that is, where does he deduce the Islamic precepts and laws from?

To answer this question, we say: There are two fundamental sources for the different Islamic precepts and laws, the precepts and laws which regulate the actions of the individual, the life of the society and the state, such as the precepts of the *Salat*, *Sawm*, *Hajj*, *Zakat*, purification, family rules, land, judicature, *Jihad*, economy, wealth, politics, etc. These two main sources are:

1. The Holy Qur'an.
2. The Pure *Sunnah* of the Prophet (s).

So, we take all these precepts from the Holy Qur'an and the Pure *Sunnah* of the Prophet (s).

The Holy Qur'an

It is the constitution of the Muslims, the source of knowledge, law, ethics, and Islamic manners, which regulate the life of human beings, and show them the way to happiness. Muslims take the precepts of their religion, and the laws of their life, from it. It contains hundreds of verses which talk about diverse precepts and rules, and are regarded as the basic source on which the expert jurisprudents base their studies of the Islamic jurisprudence, taking from it, many of the laws and precepts, besides other concepts covering all the laws and systems of life.

The Pure Sunnah of the Prophet (s)

The second source of the Islamic *Shari'ah* from which we take the Islamic precepts and laws are the Traditions of the Prophet (s). Allah, the Most High, said: "And whatever the Messenger gives you, take it, and whatever he forbids you, abstain (from it)". The Traditions of the Prophet (s) are composed of his sayings, deeds and consents below we explain these three parts:

- a. The Sayings: They are a collection of the oral sayings, speeches and statements uttered by the Prophet (s). The true sayings and statements which have reached us, are thousands in number, all of which form the legislative bases and rules. They supply us with the needed precepts and laws, such as, the precepts of purification (*Taharah*), worshipping, the social rules and regulations, such as the rules pertaining to property, trade, marriage, divorce, family affairs, land, work, judicature, government, etc.
- b. Deeds: They are the actions done by the Prophet (s) and regarded as part of the *Sunnah*. They show us the religious precepts which we are to observe. Therefore, we take his deeds as examples from which we derive the precepts:
- c. Consents: The Prophet (S.A) had often observed the people acting in the markets, gatherings, congregations, etc., but he said nothing against them. His silence in respect of such acts is regarded as his consent and, therefore, part of the *Sunnah*. Had these actions been contrary to Islam, he would have objected them. So, consent means, the Messenger's approval of, and consent to the actions which he witnessed and did not reject.

Hence, the Prophetic Traditions are all the sayings, deeds, and the consents, which have reliably reached us from the Messenger of Allah (s)

Explanation

The scholars following the path of *Ahlul-Bayt* regard whatever [activities] had issued by the twelve *Imams*¹ of *Ahlul-Bayt* [*Imam* Ali and his descendants (a.s.)] whether a saying, a deed or a consent, as to be a continuation of the Traditions [*Sunnah*] of the Prophet (s), and as a source of the Islamic precepts, the opinion which is backed by Almighty Allah's saying:

"....Allah only wants to keep away from you (uncleanliness), O Ahlul-Bayt and purify you a (thorough) purifying." (33:33)

With reference to a *Hadith* from the Messenger of Allah (s), who advised and enjoined us to refer to the Book of Allah, and to his, *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.), and depend on their instructions for taking precepts, his, the honourable Companion, Jabir Ibn Abdullah Al-Ansari, quoting the Prophet (s), said: "O people! I have left with you that which will not let you go astray if you have recourse to it: The Book of Allah, and my offspring, my *AhlulBayt*."²

Therefore the *Imami* jurisprudents broadened the scope of the term *Sunnah*, to include the sayings, conduct, and consents (approvals) of every one of the *Ahlul-Bayt* infallible *Imams* (a.s.). Because they are not regarded as merely confident narrators of the Prophet (s) to consider their sayings as an authentic proof for their being trustworthy in narration, but they have been appointed by Almighty Allah by means of the Prophet (s) to convey the actual Islamic precepts.

And they did not give their religious verdicts, except with their accordance to the actual Divine principles and teachings, perfectly as they are. They have received their teachings through Divine inspiration, like the case of the prophet (s) through revelation: or through the reception from the former infallible one. *Imam* "Ali (a.s.) in this regard said: 'The Messenger of Allah (s) taught me a thousand fields of knowledge, and every field opens to a thousand gateways of knowledge.'"

For this reason, their expounding of the Islamic precepts is not considered as mere narration of the Prophetic *Sunnah*, or relating it, nor is a kind of exerting of the personal opinion, or inferring the precepts from the textual sources of the *Shari'ah*. But they themselves are considered as an authoritative source for Islamic legislation. So their saying or utterance is *Sunnah*, and not mere narration of the *Sunnah*.

[How to Ascertain a True Tradition \(Hadith\)?](#)

Many hypocrites, intriguants and enemies of Islam, especially the Jews, intentionally fabricated false traditions, and ascribed them to the Messenger (s), or to the *Imams* of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.), so as to divert Islam, corrupt the *Shari'ah* and disunite the Islamic *Ummah* (community). But the *Ulama* and the experts in studying the traditions began to scrutinize them, sorting out the false, interpolated and doubted ones. They collected the true traditions and narratives as a dependable basis for knowing the precepts of the *Shari'ah*.

In order to obtain a true *Hadith*, the *Ulama* follow two principal methods:

Making sure of the truthfulness of the narrators through whom the *Hadith* has reached us, i.e. ascertaining the truthfulness of the source. A *Hadith* usually reaches us through people who are called "the narrators", or "the sources" of *Hadith*. If they were found to be honest and truthful, and we became certain of their trustworthiness their *Ahadith* would be accepted as to be true. If they were considered liars, the *Ahadith* (traditions) which they narrated would be rejected.

2. Making sure of the vocabulary and the phrasing of the *Hadith* and of the soundness of its meaning, that is making sure of the soundness of the text of the *Hadith* and its conformity with the Holy Qur'an and the narrations proved to be true and authentic.

Having assured ourselves of the truthfulness of the narrators, their faith and loyalty, and of the soundness of the meaning of the tradition, we must believe in it as being correct, take it as a foundation for our acts, and derive from it our Islamic concepts and precepts.

The generous Messenger, Muhammad (s), the guiding *Imams*, (a.s.) after him, commanded us to compare the traditions and the narrations with the Holy Qur'an, to make sure of their being correct and true. He was quoted to have said: "Above every truth there is a reality, and above every rightness there is a light. Therefore, accept what conforms to the Book of Allah, and leave what does not conform to it."³

The *Imam* Jafar Sadiq (a.s.) had directed us likewise by saying: "Everything should be referred to the Book of Allah and the Prophetic *Sunnah*. Every tradition which is not in agreement with the Book of Allah is [but] a forgery."⁴

Consequently, we are not to believe every *Hadith* or tradition we read or hear, unless its truthfulness has been proved, and it does not contradict the Book of Allah. Accordingly, the *Ulama* subject all the *Ahadith* that are mentioned in the books of *Hadith* and other sources to examination, criticism and discussion. They take the trusted and truthful *Ahadith* and leave the untruthful ones.

Discussion

Question 1:

- a. Define the *Fiqh*
- b. What do we learn from the *Fiqh* lessons? Talk about it briefly.

Question 2:

- a. Define the Prophetic *Sunnah*.
- b. What are the divisions of the *Sunnah*?
- c. Why do the *Ulama* following and committed to the path of *Ahlul-Bayt* regard the sayings, deeds and consents of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.) as sources of the precepts?

Question 3:

- a. Define the following: The text, the source.
- b. Explain the *Imam* Sadiq (a.s.)'s saying: "Every tradition which is not in agreement with the Book of Allah is [but] a forgery."
- c. Explain: whether we have the right to take any tradition ascribed to the Holy Prophet (s), or we should ascertain its truthfulness first? Why?

¹ It is worth mentioning that the jurists of the Islamic sects regard whatever [activities] had issued by the Prophet's Companions to be of the *Sunnah*.

² "Sahihut-Thirmidhi", vol. 2, "Sahih Muslim", on "The merits of the Imam Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)

³ "Usul-Kafi", vol. I, Kitabu Faidil-Ilm, Balul-Akhidh Bis-Sunnah Wa Shwahidul Kitab, 3rd ed., 1388 A.H., p. 69.

⁴ Ibid.

Al-Ijtihad

Every branch of science or of humanistic knowledge, such as medicine, physics, mathematics, botany, grammar, etc. is in need of its particular specialists and experts who study it, discover its laws, and teach the people how to make use of, and apply it. So, the scientific laws which we learn in schools have been discovered by the expert scholars and presented to the people.

Such is the science of *Fiqh*, the science of Islamic Laws and precepts. It is also in need of the scholars who have specialized in studying and understanding it, in order to discover and derive its Laws and precepts, from their original sources: the Holy Qur'an and the Pure *Sunnah*, in the same way as the scientists of medicine and botany discover the laws of their branches, by studying the human body, and the plants and their relations with the other things.

The Qur'an and the *Sunnah* are the original sources from which the scholars derive the Islamic precepts, Laws and concepts. Such scholars, or the *Ulama* who have specialized in studying the Islamic *Fiqh*, and who have discovered and inferred the Laws and the precepts from the Holy Qur'an and the Pure *Sunnah*, are called the *Fuqaha* [plural of *Faqih*] or the *Mujtahids*.

The process of discovering and inferring the Islamic laws and precepts from the Qur'an and the *Sunnah* is called *Ijtihad*. Therefore, *Ijtihad* is: Applying scientific methods for discovering and inferring the Islamic Laws and precepts from their primary sources. Consequently, a *Mujtahid* or a *Faqih* is the scholar who is capable of discovering and inferring the Islamic laws and precepts from the Book and the Prophetic *Sunnah*.

For a scholar to reach the stage of *Ijtihad* [i.e. being able to infer the Islamic laws and precepts from the Book and the *Sunnah*] it is necessary for him to study the Arabic language, and comprehend it thoroughly, enable him to understand the meaning! of the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*, and know them and their interpretation, so as to be able to infer the precepts from the verses of the Qur'an, and tell the true traditions from the false ones which had been forged and fabricated by deceiving narrators, so that he may act according to the truthful, and discard the untruthful ones.

For this purpose the *Mujtahids* will have to study the lives of those who quoted and narrated the pure traditions, in order to know the trustworthy from the dishonest ones. The liars who tried to divert Islam, and to fabricate false traditions, are numerous. There are so many traditions and narrations quoted by some narrators, but they are no more than a pack of lies, detected by the scholars and exposed to us so that we may not be deceived by them.

The question, however, requires a comprehensive knowledge of *Ilmu Usulil-Fiqh* (the science which studies the general jurisprudential principles for deducing the religious precepts), in order to infer the Islamic religious precepts, since the science of the principles of *Fiqh* are the general rules which enable

the *Fiqh* to deduce the religious precepts.

The Necessity of Ijtihad

Human society is an ever-developing one. Man's activities and relations are ever-increasing and spreading. Things which did not exist, can exist in diverse forms at certain times. Such as, banks, insurance companies, radio receiving sets, TV, and thousands of other things. So, we need to know the Islamic precepts and laws so as to know how to organize our acts, and distinguish between the *Halal* and the *Haram*. Had it not been for the presence of the *Mujtahids* in our society, who could then have inferred the Islamic precepts and laws from the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*?

Therefore, the presence of the *Mujtahid* jurists is inevitable in order to look into every case to see whether it is *Halal* or *Haram*, according to the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*. Take, for example, the case of a fasting person who needs medicine, in the form of an intramuscular injection. Now, who can tell us whether this medical injection will nullify his fasting or not?

Especially since this medicine did not exist in the days of the Prophet (s). As such, we do not directly know its relevant precept. The only person able, nowadays, to infer the correct precept, is the *Faqih*, because he is an expert of the Islamic *Shari'ah*. The *Faqih* can tell us that this medicine does not nullify the *Sawm*, by informing us that the fasting person is allowed to use this medicine through the muscle.

At-Taqlid

Every Muslim has to know the precepts of the Islamic *Shari'ah*, and the necessary laws which he needs when he becomes a *Mukallaf*, such as the *Salat*, the *Hajj*, the *Zakat*, trading, marriage, divorce, etc. in order to apply them when required. But it is not possible for every one of us to study the *Shari'ah* as a specialist, so as to become a *Faqih*, knowing all the Islamic laws and precepts.

Therefore, it is *Wajib* on every non-specialized Muslim to refer to a *Faqih* whenever he wants to know and apply the precepts as he is told. This procedure of referring to a *Faqih*, to take the precept and laws from him and apply them is called "*Taqlid*".

So, *Taqlid* means, depending on, and following, the *Fatwa* [religious verdict] of a *Faqih*. It is obvious that *Taqlid* is a must. We know that a sick man refers to a physician, because he is specialized in treating the sick. The one who wants to build a house refers to an architect because he is well-versed in the art of architecture.

Thus, we commonly depend on the specialists in all the fields of life. For this reason, we depend on the *Faqih* and refer to him in the field of the Islamic precepts, because he is specialized in the Islamic jurisprudence and knows it well.

The Attributes of Marji'ut Taqlid

The conditions which are required in the *Marji* of *Taqlid* [the *Mujtahid* referred to for *Taqlid*] to whom the Muslims may refer for *Fatwa*, are as follows;

1. Maturity of age.
2. Sanity.
3. Masculinity.
4. Legitimate birth.
5. Having faith, righteousness and fearing Allah.
6. *Ijtihad*.
7. The most knowledgeable *Faqih* among the living *Faqihs*.
8. To be alive¹

Discussion

Q 1. Define: *Ijtihad*, the *Mujtahid* or the *Faqih*, and *Taqlid*.

Q2. Explain briefly: "*Ijtihad* is necessary for the Islamic society."

Q3. Complete the following sentence: "A *Faqih* infers the Islamic precepts from the two fundamental sources. They are..... and"

¹. Some of the Islamic sects and groups allow the Muqalid to start his Taqlid with a deceased Faqih.

The Islamic Precepts

Definition of the Precept

Man, in his everyday life, does many different acts, and utters many different sayings. Looking into one's sayings and actions, we realize that some are good and useful to people, such as eating, drinking water, cultivating, manufacturing, as well as greeting and peace-making among the people, etc. Other actions we judge to be bad and harmful, such as lying, drinking alcoholic drinks, robbery, murder, cheating,

backbiting, etc.

Furthermore, we know that man is a sociable creature by nature, he enjoys social relationships with the members of his family, the society in which he lives and the world around him, such as relationships between a man and his children, parents, and wives, or the relationship between the Islamic State and the members of the *Ummah* and other countries, the relationship between an employee and his employer, a farmer and his land, a worker and his master, a seller and a buyer, etc.

Now, as man has connections with the other members of his society, he also has connection with his Creator, as He had created him, made him complete, favoured him with blessings and provided him with provisions, etc. In this way, man's life is a collection of actions, activities and human relations, which, naturally, need to be explained and regulated, in order to separate the useful from the harmful, and the good from the bad. Without such an organization, life and social relations would be a total chaos, a futile life endangering man and his interests.

In order to organize man's life, Allah, the Exalted, sent down the Divine laws and precepts, to save humanity from disorder and futility, and to protect its interests and make it worship Him. Therefore, the Islamic precepts are the Divine legislations and laws which organize man's life and define his different relations and responsibilities.

These precepts, as you have already been informed, are to explain man's actions and relations whereby the Islamic *Shari'ah* prohibits the bad and harmful actions which destroy human life, and hinder its development and progress, and enjoins the good deeds without which human life cannot proceed orderly. They also allow other deeds, preferring some of them to others, or leaving others out. Therefore, the prescribed Islamic precepts have been divided into five categories:

1. Obligation, i.e. The *Wajib*.
2. Recommendation, i.e. The *Istihbab*.
3. Undesirability, i.e. The *Karahah*.
4. Prohibitibility, i.e. The *Hurmah*.
5. Permissibility, i.e. The *Ibahah*.

Kinds of Human Actions

All the acts which can be done by man, whether good, such as the *Salat*, invocation, treating people with justice, seeking to acquire knowledge, eating, drinking of liquids like water, etc., travelling, marriage, farming, industry... and the like, or bad, such as lying, gambling, being unjust, cheating... and the like, are divided into the following five categories, according to the good or bad qualities of the actions:

The Obligatory [Al-Wajib]:

The obligatory duties are those which Allah has ordered us to do, promising to reward us, if we do them, and threatening to punish us, if we neglect them. These include, the *Salat*, the *Hajj*, the *Jihad*, enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong, defending the truth, administering justice.... and the like.

The Recommended [Al-Mustahhab]:

The recommended acts are those which, cause goodness but are not binding, and Allah, the Exalted, has encouraged us to do, promising to reward us for doing them, but there would be no punishment for neglecting them. Such as invocation, fasting during the month of *Shabban*, greeting people, performing the Friday *Ghusl*... and the like.

The Undesirable [Al-Makruh]:

The undesirable acts are those which cause evil and corruption, but are not binding, and Allah, the Exalted, has encouraged us not to do, promising to reward us if we avoid them, but there would be no punishment for doing them, such as urinating in stagnant water, sleeping between dawn and sunrise, and the smelling of fragrant plants by a fasting person, etc.

The Prohibited [Al-Haram]:

The *Haram* [prohibited] acts are those which Allah, the Exalted, has prohibited us from doing, threatening us with punishment if we do them, such acts as drinking alcoholic drinks, killing people, lying, betraying, cheating, and the like.

The Permissible [Al-Mubah]:

The *Mubah* [permissible] acts are those which Allah, the Exalted, has left to our option to do or not to do, such as choosing the type and place of our lodging, work, food, drinking of water, etc., provided that they do not lead to committing *Haram*.

Thus, all the acts of man are subject to certain regulations and limits, prescribed by the Islamic *Fiqh*. There is no act, big or small, without there being an Islamic precept or a clear and open law for it. The aim is to preserve the welfare of humanity and to assure servitude to Allah, the Exalted, as referred to by a noble *Hadith*. *Imam* As-Sadiq (a.s.) is quoted to have said: "There is nothing unless it is described in the Book or in the *Sunnah*".

So, it is our duty to think about every act before doing it, so as to do what pleases Allah and what Allah has allowed us to do, and refrain from doing what He has forbidden us to do.

Discussion

Q1. Define the following: The Islamic Precepts, the *Haram*, the *Wajib*.

Q2. What do we learn from the *Fiqh* lessons? Explain briefly.

Q3. Explain the noble *Hadith*: "There is nothing unless it is described in the Book or in the *Sunnah*."

The Individual and Collective Wajibs

We know that there are obligatory duties which Allah has ordered us to do, and has prohibited us from neglecting them. Such obligatory duties like the daily *Salats*, *Sawm*, *Hajj*, enjoining the right, washing the dead, etc. have been enjoined upon us.

We also know that a *Wajib* [a duty], is an act that is rewarded, and its doer is praised, and the neglecter is punished and dispraised. The *Wajibs* Are of Two Kinds:

1. The Individual *Wajib*, or [*Al-Wajibul-Ayni*], is to be performed by every individual who has reached the age of consent, and nobody else may do it for him. Such as the daily *Salat* and the *Sawm*, as these and similar *Wajibs* are to be performed by every grown up person (*Mukallaf*) himself and he is responsible for them, that is why it is called: *Al-Wajibul-Ayni*., that is, it is the duty of the very person to perform it himself.

2. The Collective *Wajib* [*Al-Wajibul-Kifa'i*]: It is a duty, which Allah wants to be performed by any grown up person, not a particular one, as the important thing is to have the *Wajib* carried out, such as washing the body of the dead, performing the *Salat* over it, rescuing the drowned, enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong. Also undertaking judicature, accepting posts in the Islamic State and the professions needed by the Islamic society, such as medicine, engineering, and studying to become an authority in the Divine law and jurisprudence. When some people undertake these duties and perform them, the others will be exempted from them. If nobody offers to take these responsibilities or does not complete them, every mature member of the Islamic society would be committing a sin, and would deserve punishment, whereas the one who performs this *Wajib* will be rewarded. In this case, the one who does not perform it will not be punished, because others have done it, though he will be deprived of the reward.

But if a group of people carried out some of the collective *Wajib*, such as enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong, or the *Jihad* [holy war] for the sake of Allah, without being successful in removing the wrong, injustice and corruption, or in warding off the enemies' aggression against the Islamic

countries, the group which carried out the duty would be excused and rewarded.

While those who stayed behind and did not take part in this duty would be punished, because the group who undertook the task of enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong could not fulfil it, i.e. the *Wajib* could not be carried out, therefore, those who lagged behind must be reckoned and punished for not taking part in it.

Explanation

The collective duties are considered individual duties, if they are confined to some of the people. For example, if somebody saw a man drowning, or exposed to a destructive danger, and there was no one else capable of saving the endangered man, it would be his individual duty to save him, and he would not be excused.

Another example of turning a collective duty into an individual one is this: Suppose that there was a town with only a single physician, or with an insufficient number of physicians, in this case, the task of medical treatment of the sick people would be an individual duty of those physicians, since it is exclusively their responsibility.

Similarly if there was only a single religious jurisprudent in a town, he would be responsible for issuing religious decrees and judicature, as being his *Wajib Ayni*. In this way, a *Wajib Kifa'i* turns into a *Wajib Ayni* on the people, if it is confined only to them, and there is nobody else to do it.

Another example is the *Wajib Kifa'i* of enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong, which becomes a *Wajib Ayni*, if there was only one person present while a bad occurrence was happening, or only a few persons were capable of stopping it, or if resisting the wrong and calling for Islam was confined to a single person or a few people, then the *Wajib* of enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong and calling for Islam would become a *Wajib Ayni* in respect of that person or persons. This is how sometimes a collective duty changes into an individual one.

Preparatories for the Wajib and the Haram

Preparation for the Wajib:

We know that Islam enjoins some acts as *Wajib*, such as the *Salat*, the establishment of justice, *Haji*, seeking knowledge, being kind to one's parents, enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong, *Jihad* in the way of Allah, etc., and prohibits other acts, such as drinking wine, killing people, disbelief, injustice, spreading mischief in the land, usury, monopoly, usurping the wealth and the rights of the people, and insulting them, etc., so as to establish happiness, security and freedom, and protect human dignity, so that man may live in the shadow of truth, justice and peace, through obeying Allah, the Exalted.

Naturally, many of these *Wajibs* cannot be done without some preparatory procedures, i.e. the

Muqaddimahs. These are "the things on which the carrying out of the *Wajib* depends."

For example: *Jihad* is a *Wajib*, performing of which depends, at our present time, on preparing our armies, producing weapons and advanced war-tools. Therefore, organizing the Islamic armies and supplying them with the advanced weapons become a *Wajib*, too, as this is a *Muqaddimah* on which the *Jihad* for the sake of Allah depends.

Preserving security is a *Wajib*, too, in Islam. Now, preserving it necessitates the forming of a system of sincere and trustworthy security personnel, and providing them with developed and up-to-date means and instruments, enabling them to discover crimes and to pursue criminals. The existence of such an establishment of security personnel and equipment becomes a preparatory *Wajib* needed to preserve security. So, it would be incumbent on the State to provide for it.

The *Wajib* of "enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong" depends, sometimes, on the gathering of a number of pious people, forming a cooperative and united group. This gathering of a united group becomes a *Wajib* as a preparatory process for the realization of a religious duty.

Hajj, as we know, is a *Wajib*, but it cannot be achieved without travelling and making preparations for the journey, as the *Muqaddimahs* for the *Hajj*. So, these preparatory steps for the journey are among the *Wajibs* enjoined on the *Mukallaf*.

At-Taharah [purification], as we know, is a condition for the validity of the *Salat*. So, purifying the dress and the body from the *Najasah* [anything religiously regarded as impure], and performing ablution, or *Ghusl* of *Janabah* [one is regarded unclean after having sexual intercourse or a wet-dream, a case which requires a "*Ghusl* of *AlJanabah*" to purify the body] or performing the *Tayammum* [a kind of purification by dry soil, used in particular cases], are *Wajib* preparations, in other words *Muqaddimahs*.

Thus, a *Muqaddimah* is not a *Wajib* in itself, but it is a preparatory *Wajib* for the performance of the *Wajib* itself. That is, it is not an independent *Wajib* to travel to the holy city of Mecca, to purify the impure dress, to perform the *Wudu*, the *Ghusl* or the *Tayammum*, to install factories for weapons, to provide the means for establishing security... but these are preparatory steps on which the correct performance of the *Wajibs* depends, and thus, they are logically regarded like the *Wajibs*.

Explaining this, the *Ulama* have said; "The thing which is necessary for a *Wajib* (as a preparatory) is *Wajib* too." The *Muqaddimah*, therefore, is a *Wajib* for the sake of the *Wajib*, but is not a *Wajib* in itself. Some *Ulama*, call the *Muqaddimah* for the *Wajib*, (*Fathudh-Dharai*) that is, the essentiality of preparing the means and tools on which the performance of the *Wajib* depends.

Preparation for the Haram:

As we know that the *Muqaddimah* for the *Wajib* is *Wajib*, too, because the performance of the *Wajib* depends on the *Muqaddimah*, similarly the *Muqaddimah* for a *Haram* act is *Haram*, too, because it helps

one to commit a *Haram* act.

So, the *Muqaddimah* for the *Haram* is that which leads one to commit the *Haram*. For example, reading books of deviation is not *Haram* in itself. But if this reading affects the reader, it becomes a *Muqaddimah* for deviation and going astray, i.e. falling into the *Haram*. Therefore, it becomes *Haram* for that reason.

Selling grapes is not *Haram* in itself, but it becomes *Haram* if the grapes are sold for the purpose of making wine. Hiring cars is not *Haram* in itself, but hiring them to be used as tools for committing a crime is *Haram*, because it leads to a *Haram* act. Accepting a governmental post becomes *Haram* if it is regarded as an assistance to a despotic authority, although the post is not *Haram*, but *Halal* in itself.

Some *Ulama* call the prohibition of the *Muqaddimah* for the *Haram* "*Saddudh-Dhara'i*" that is, closing the ways and means leading to committing *Haram* action. Thus, Islam prohibits all the *Muqaddimahs*; the approaches, and the reasons leading to committing a *Haram*, so as to protect the individual and the society against corruption and perversion. Therefore, we are forbidden to do things which may lead to committing a *Haram* act though they are *Halal* in themselves.

Discussion

Q1. Complete the following sentences:

- a. The *Wajib* is divided into two kinds, they are:.....and.....
- b. The *Muqaddimah* for the *Wajib* is and the *Muqaddimah* for the *Haram* is

Q2. Give examples for:

- a. A *Muqaddimah* for the *Haram*.
- b. A *Muqaddimah* for the *Wajib*.
- c. The *Wajib Ayni* (individual duty).
- d. The *Wajib Kifa'i* (collective duty).

States (Stages) of Knowledge

There are special terms which we use to explain particular meanings. It is necessary to understand these meanings, because they are related to our acts, and religious duties, such as the following words:

1. *Al-Yaqin* [certainty].

2. *Ash-Shakk* [doubt].

3. *Az-Zann* [most probable].

The Muslim *Mukallaf* is faced with the problem of learning the *Shar'i* precepts, or acquiring knowledge of the relevant subjects. In some cases, he may attain to certainty or conviction state (*Al-Yaqin*), in others he may attain to a most probable state of guessing called (*Az-Zann*), or he may stay in a state of doubt (*Ash-Shakk*). Henceforth, every one of these knowledge states has its own *Shar'i* [religious] precept specified in the Islamic *Shari'ah*. And now we are going to briefly explain these three terms:

Al-Yaqin

Naturally, people's knowledge of things differ a great deal. Sometimes one obtains complete knowledge of something, without being mixed or having any doubt or uncertainty. Such as knowing that, this is wine, or that is usurped money, or this man is a just *Imam* of *Jama'ah* [the leader of a congregational *Salat*]. This is because one may positively know, or sense it, or because of having true evidence and testimonies proving the case. This is called the "*Yaqin*", (certainty).

So, "*Yaqin* is the full knowledge of something in the proportion of 100% without having any doubt or confusion".

Ash-Shakk

Just as one becomes certain of something and obtains complete knowledge of it, one may sometimes doubt whether something is so or not.

For example, a state of mind in which one may doubt whether one had performed one's *Salat* correctly or not, after having finished it. Is this clothing *Najis* [ritually impure] or not? Is this blood, or something else? Shall one regard it *Najis* (as blood) or not? Is this thing usurped, so as to avoid it, or not?

In such cases man is perplexed, as he has no certain knowledge whether to be positive or the contrary, to decide this or that. This state of mind is called *Ash-Shakk* or doubt. That is, his knowledge of it is 50%, and his ignorance of it is 50%, too.

A-Zann

As one can be in a state of certainty, or a state of doubt, one may also become in a most probable state of guessing called *Az-Zann*. *Az-Zann* is to prefer one aspect to another. For example, we may put a guess, at, a percentage or more than 50% that something has or has not happened.

There may appear signs which convince us that this particular money is usurped. This cannot be a case of certainty, yet it has a share of certainty higher than that of "doubt". This state is called *Az-Zann*.

Consequently, man's knowledge is divided into three states or stages:

1. The state of *Al-Yaqin* (certainty).
2. The state of *Ash-Shakk* (Doubt).
3. The state of *Az-Zann* (most probable).

The Rules of the Faqih

Every science, such as grammar, physics, mathematics, etc., has general rules which are applicable to all cases under identical conditions. In grammar for example rules, the object is always in the accusative case, and the subject is always in the nominative case. So, we apply these two rules to all the nouns which are objects or subjects.

The science of *Fiqh*, which is the science of the Islamic laws and precepts, has also general rules and universal principles like other sciences. We apply these rules to define our religious duties in the subjects to which they can be applied.

We shall study, hereunder, some of the rules of the *Fiqh* to understand and apply them to their relevant subjects, so as to define our religious duties and whether they are performed correctly or incorrectly. So, the rule is a general precept which is applicable to identical cases: These rules are as below:

1. The rule of *At-Taharah*.
2. The rule of *Al-Faragh*.
3. The rule of *La Darara Wa La Dirar* [neither harm nor injury].
4. The rule of *Al-Istishab* (abiding by certainty)

The Rule of Taharah

The Islamic Law is based on feasibility, on removing perplexities and distress from human life, so that man may have a feasible and easy life, away from harmful psychological states, such as the state of uncertainty and suspicion. One of the precepts which removes the state of perplexities, distress, and uncertainty, and erases doubt and suspicion from the hearts, is the rule of *Al-Taharah*, which says:

"Everything is *Tahir* [not to be *Najis*] until you know it to be *Beqadhir*¹ in itself."² That is, things which you suspect their being *Tahir*, are judged to be *Tahir*. So, when we doubt whether something is *Tahir* or not,

we are to regard it as *Tahir*, since originally things are *Tahir*, except what the Islamic *Shari'ah* judges says to be *Najis*.

Example: If somebody doubts whether his clothing, bed or anything else had become *Mutanajjis* [anything which is originally *Tahir*, but had been touched by a *Najasah* is called *Mutanajjis*] or not, or if he doubts whether an object is *Tahir* or *Najis*, he is to take it as *Tahir*, as long as his doubt is still there, and he is not sure of its being *Najis*. So, he can perform his *Salat* wearing the doubted clothes, or use any doubted article without judging it to be *Najis*.

The Rule of Faragh

A man may perform a ritual act, such as the *Salat*, then, after completing it, doubt the correctness of his *Salat*; doubting, for example, whether he did or did not perform the *Ruku* [a basic part of the *Salat*] or whether he stood with his face or his back to the *Qiblah* [in the direction of Mecca] or whether he was *Tahir* or not during the *Salat*. In such cases he is to regard his *Salat* correct and need not repeat it, nor perform it later on as *Qada*.

The same rule is applicable to the *Wudu*, and or the *Ghusl*, after having performed them, one is not to doubt whether these were correctly done or not. One is to consider his *Wudu* or *Ghusl* as correct and need not repeat it. Therefore, the rule of the *Faragh* is: "Actions doubted after their completion, are deemed correct".

The Rule of La Darara Wa La Dirar

Islam is a Divine Message which achieves for the people's interests and protects them against harm and corruption. This aim is found in the *Wajibs*: and the *Harams*, as well as in the Islamic rules, regulations, morals, manners, dealings, and teachings. The Prophet (s) had confirmed and explained this principle by saying: "*La Darara Wa La Dirar [Fil-Islam]*"³, i.e. neither harm nor injury is permitted in Islam.

The *Imam* Muhammad Al-Baqir (a.s.) narrated that: "Sumrah Ibn Jundub had a yielding date-palm in a farm. The house of Al-Ansari was built at the entrance of the farm, and Sumrah used to pass through it on his way to his palm-tree, without asking Al-Ansari's permission.

Al-Ansari talked to him, telling him to ask for his permission before entering, but Sumrah refused. So Al-Ansari came to the Messenger of Allah, complaining and telling him the story. The Messenger of Allah (s) summoned Samrah, informed him about Al-Ansari's complaint, and told him: "When you want to enter ask for permission". Samrah refused.

So the Prophet (s) asked him to sell the tree to Al-Ansari, and he offered him a price, and began increasing it until he reached a very high price, but the man continued to refuse. The Messenger of Allah (s) said: "If you give it up you will instead have a tree in Paradise." He still refused. At this point the

Messenger of Allah (s) told Al-Ansari: "Go, dig out the tree and throw it to him as there is neither harm nor injury" "*La Darara Wa La Dirar*"⁴

This narrative shows us how the Messenger of Allah (s) prevented Samrah from harming his neighbour and injuring [his feelings] by unexpectedly passing through his house without first getting his permission. So, the Messenger of Allah (s), prohibited him from inflicting harm and injury to his neighbour.

It also confirms that a man is not allowed to use his rights, or property, in such a way as to cause harm to others. This general rule greatly and legally contributes to the organization of the relations among the interests of the individuals and groups, so that nobody may be harmed or injured. From this rule we also infer a number of precepts connected to religious rituals, business deals, social relations, and individual duties. Some examples are given below:

1. We are exempted from duties enjoined upon us by Allah, if these are expected to cause harm to our health, wealth or life, which we could not endure, unless such duties are confined to defending Islam, the truth, and one's life, as in the *Jihad* and enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong.

We know that Allah, the Exalted, has ordered us to fast. But if fasting is harmful to a person's health, he would be exempted from it, and, instead, he is to offer a redemption. The *Wudu*, and the *Ghusl* for *Taharah* from *Hayd* [menses], or *Janabah* are *Wajib* (compulsory) on the *Mukallaf* for the purpose of performing the *Salat*. But if using water for the *Wudu* or the *Ghusl* is harmful to a particular person, whether it is harmful to his health, or whether difficulty arises in obtaining water, such as the water being too expensive and thus badly affecting his financial position. Here, he would be exempted from performing the *Wudu* or the *Ghusl*, replacing them by the *Tayammum*.

2. Another example showing prevention of harm to others is as follows: A man may dig an irrigation canal on his farm, drawing away a large quantity of water from a communal source, thus, causing a loss of water to other farms, which in return means damage to the crops. This procedure is *haram* because it harms others. For he should only draw away enough water, so as not to cause harm to others.

3. Suppose there was a merchant in the market having a very large amount of money. If he sold his goods at a low price aiming at causing bankruptcy to other smaller merchants, his act would be *Haram*, because he has no right to allege that he is free to handle his property as he likes, and nobody has the right to prevent him from doing so, because such a procedure causes harm to others. This also applies to anyone else who misuses his rights in a harmful way to others, thus committing a *Haram*.

Hence we can understand that all legislations of the Islamic *Shari'ah* are for our benefit, because causing harm to oneself or to others is *Haram* in Islam, and is never allowed. Nobody is allowed to use his property, wealth or rights in a way causing harm to other people, as was explained by the Messenger of Allah (s) in the episode of Samrah Ibn Jundub and Al-Ansari.

The Prophet (s) prevented Samrah from passing to his property in a way injuring his neighbour. Seeing

him insist on passing, he forced him to abandon his property, preventing him from using it in a way causing harm to others.

Al-Istihab (the seeking for a link)

Al-Istishab (the seeking for a link⁵)

It is a *Shari* rule which has vast application in our daily life. Istishab means the judgment of the Islamic Legislator (*Shari*) to the *Mukallaf* to practically stick to whatever [state] he was certain of, then he became doubtful of the remaining of the state or condition.⁶

For example: If someone was certain that a certain land is usurped, then he doubted the disappearance of the state of usurpation, in this case he should keep to of remaining usurped, then refrain from using it.

Another example: If anyone was certain of the purity of his clothes, then he had doubt about that purity, he should adhere to the state of purity of his clothes. *Imam* Ja'far Al-Sadiq (a.s.) explained this rule by saying: "Whoever was certain of something, then he doubted it, he should keep to his certainty, as the doubt cannot invalidate certainty."⁷

Discussion

Q1. If you doubted whether a *Najasah*, such as blood or urine, had fallen on your clothing, would your clothing be *Tahir* or *Najis*? State the rule on which you depended in answering this question.

Q2. State what the following rule is called: "Actions doubted after their completion are deemed correct."

Q3. Complete the following phrases:

a. "*Al Yaqin* is the knowledge of something in the proportion of"

b. "*Ash-Shakk* is the knowledge of something in the proportion of....."

c. *Az-Zann* is the knowledge of something in the proportion of....."

Q4. Relate to your friends the story of Samrah Ibn Jundub, explaining to them the Prophet's saying: "*La Darara Wa La Dirar*".

¹. Qadhir in itself means: Najis in itself.

². Quoted from the Imam Ja'far Ibn Muhammad As-Sadiq (a.s.)

³. A noble prophetic Hadith / Ibn Majah, vol.2, p. 784, No. 2340. Al-Kulayni in "Al-Kafi".

⁴. Al-Bihbudi, Sahihul-Kafi, 1st ed, vol. 2, p. 387

⁵. Ulama have different opinions about the rule of Istishab, whether it is a jurisprudential rule or one of the Usuli rules. And we have defined it as a scientific rule of the Shari'ah, regardless of its connection to either of the two fields of religion.

⁶. Al-Ma'alim Al-Jadidah Lil-Usul, Martyr Muhmmnad Baqir As Sadr p. 87.

⁷. Wasa'il-Shi'ah, Al-Hurrul-Amili, Bab Nawaqidil-Wudu", Vol. 1 , p. 176.

At-Taklif [imposition of Obligation] and its Conditions

Introduction

By His grace and mercy, Allah Almighty has created mankind on the earth, and sent the prophets and messengers, to communicate them His Divine messages and *Shari'ahs* (Divine laws) to do kindness, and to organize their human life, and to delineate and show them the upright path of guidance which achieve for them felicity in this world and the Hereafter.

These Divine *Shari'ahs* have carried [conveyed] to man diverse assigned duties, like the belief in Allah, *Salat*, *Hajj*, enjoining the right deed and forbidding the wrong (indecent) deed, purification, establishment of justice among people, *Jihad*, (hard struggle for the just right), giving the *Zakat* (due-alms), and so on.

Now, we want to tell who the *Mukallaf* person is, who is responsible for obeying and observing the Divine commands and prohibitions communicated by our Prophet Muhammad (s), and what *Taklif* means. The answer is:

1. The *Mukallaf* is a person who is mature, sane and capable [of performing required ritual actions].
2. *Taklif* means that man is responsible and answerable for observing the belief in Allah, and His messengers and prophets, following our Prophet Muhammad (s), the Last of the prophets, obeying the required commands and prohibitions after possessing capability for practising them. So, by this he would be deserving either the reward or chastisement for obeying or disobeying the Divine commands and prohibitions.

Conditions of Taklif

Taklif has specific conditions required of the *Mukallaf* so as to be responsible and answerable for his deeds:

1. Puberty: The person must reach the age of puberty, so as to be considered *Mukallaf*: So no *Taklif* is assigned to the minors in the duties like, *Sawm*, *Hajj*, *Jihad*, etc. but Almighty Allah has assigned the father to being in charge of educating habituating them on observing the religious duties, and giving up or abstaining from committing sins; and calling harmful them to account, or even punishing them on doing the *Haram* and harmful deeds.

So, the minor remains responsible for some of his misbehaviours done in his minority age, after reaching the puberty, age 1, like damaging the belongings of the others. So, he has to compensate them for

whatever he had damaged.

In fact, when the minor obeys the religious commands, and abstains from committing sins, his deeds will be accepted, and he will be rewarded for them, even though he is not *Mukallaf* (responsible) for performing such deeds, so long as he comprehends the meaning of his action and intention.

2. Sanity: It is another condition of *Taklif* and responsibility, so there is no *Taklif* and responsibility on the dull-witted [mentally ill], the mentally retarded, or the insane [mad] person to deal with the matters which he cannot fully comprehend or perceive.

The insane may come to his senses on certain occasions, and perceive or be aware of some binding duties. In this case he would be responsible for observing them on that occasion only. This applies also to the dull-witted or the mentally retarded man; when he perceives or fully becomes aware of them, as he would be responsible and answerable for observing them.

3. Capability: In this regard Almighty Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

"Allah does not burden any soul but to the extent of its capacity."(2:286)

This holy verse (*Ayah*) manifests the justice and kindness of Almighty Allah towards His servants, as he does not burden them above their capacity or capability. So the human being is not responsible for performing any duty unless he Possesses ability or capability for doing it.

For instance, the sick person for whom fasting may do or cause harm, is exempted from it, but he has to offer a ransom for it. But if he were unable to offer it, it would be remitted from him, and he should ask for Almighty Allah's forgiveness. And the one who is incapable of performing the *Salat* in standing position, can perform it in sitting position. And so the person who has no financial or physical capabilities for performing the *Hajj*, it would not be incumbent upon him, and so on.

Sometimes it happens that man may face two binding duties, once a time, and cannot perform both of them together, he, then, has to perform the more important of the two. For instance, while this person is performing the *Salat* a fire flares up (erupts) near him, so then he has to undertake the more important action of the two duties. If supposedly the fire may cause a great damage, as burning people and precious things, for example, and there is nobody over there other than him to put out the fire, he has to discontinue the *Salat* , and hurry up to put the fire out; otherwise he should carry on his *Salat*.

Signs of Bulugh (puberty)

We have already mentioned that puberty (*Bulugh*) is one of the conditions required for *Taklif*. Now we want to tell you of the signs of puberty. Puberty is fully realized when a person has attained the following signs:

1. Discharging or emission of the semen which is a sign of maturity and puberty.
2. When the male completes fifteen years of age, according to the lunar calendar, and it is a religiously favourable and commendable precaution for the young boy who has completed thirteen years of age, and entered the fourteenth, to consider himself as a *Mukallaf* or responsible. As for the female, she must complete nine lunar years of age.^{[2](#)}
3. Growing of the rough pubic hair, whereas the smooth hair is not counted a feature of puberty. So, with any of these signs or specifications which are attained by the male or female person before any other features, the person will be *Mukallaf* or responsible to Almighty Allah after having possess sanity and capability.

Islam and Taklif

Not only the Muslim, but human being is charged with the assigned Divine duties. That is to say Islam is not a condition for being *Mukallaf*. Every sane human being who attains the puberty is addressed by the Islamic message, and is responsible for believing in it, and observing its precepts whether he is a Muslim or a disbeliever.

Therefore the disbeliever is also responsible for carrying out the assigned Divine duties, like the *Salat*, fasting, *Zakat*, abstaining from drinking alcoholic drinks, and the immoral conduct, etc. And he will be called to account and punished for not observing them.

So, the *Zakat* is taken from the *Kafir* (disbeliever) though he would not be rewarded for it. However, if the disbeliever has converted to Islam, he is not to redress or assigned perform what he had missed of the lapsed obligatory duties relating to the period before his conversion.

^{[1](#)}. Al-Fatawal-Wadihah, Martyr As-Sadr, Vol. 1, p. 126.

^{[2](#)}. Al-Fatawal-Wadihah, Martyr As-Sadr, Vol. 1, p. 129.

At-Taharah [Purification]

The Islamic *Shari'ah* takes care of all aspects of the human life, including that of *Taharah* [purification]. It makes the *Taharah* incumbent on every Muslim, ordering him to purify himself and to get rid of the *Najasat*, for the purpose of performing particular ritual acts, such as the *Tawaf* [circumambulation] around the *Kab'ah* [in Mecca], the *Salat*, etc. For, the existence of *Najasah* on the body, the dress or the place of the *Sujud*, would render the *Salat Batil* [invalid].

The *Najasat* are defined, counted things, such as urine, faeces, blood, etc. Islam orders them to be

removed, and the Muslim is to purify himself from them, in order to carry out the ritual *Taharah*. As getting rid of the *Najasah* realizes the religious *Taharah* for worshipping, it also preserves general health, helps in protecting the body against diseases and harmful microorganisms.

Taharah keeps the Muslim in good appearance and creates in him the love of purification and bodily cleanliness, which leads to having a pure heart and a clean conscience, and self-free from sins and wrongdoings.

What are the Najasat (Impurities)

The *Najasat* are defined, harmful objects. Islam commands us to remove them, and their places must be washed and purified. It makes this removal and purification a condition for the validity of some worshipping rituals. These *Najasat* are:

1&2. Urine and faeces: They are either of human beings or of animals whose meat is *Haram* to eat. As to the fish, insects, worms and the 1allil meat animals, such as sheep, chickens and the like, their urine and faeces are *Tahir*.

3&4. Dogs and pigs, except the sea types, with all their parts are *Najis*.

5. Intoxicants which are originally liquid, including beer.^{[1](#)}

6. The *Maytah* [carrion] of human beings^{[2](#)} and animals, as well as; parts amputated from living human and animal bodies, such as legs, ears, pieces of meat, etc. As to the *maytah* of insects, fish and worms, they are not *Najis*, but dirty.

Note: Every small thing or part separable from the pure (*Tahir*) animal or human body, such as the pimples, shells, scales and dry skins are considered *Tahir*. And also the parts of the dead body, which are originally lifeless like the horn, tooth, hair, wool, feather, etc, are all considered *Tahir*. But as to the impure animal which is *Najis Ayni*, i.e. impure in itself, like the dog or the pig, every part of it is *Najis* (impure).

7. The semen, whether of human beings, birds or other animals,^{[3](#)} whose blood gushes out when slaughtered.

8. Blood, whether of human beings, birds or other animals whose blood gushes out when slaughtered, is *Najis* But the blood of insects, worms and fish as well as animals whose blood does not gush out when slaughtered, is *Tahir*.

The blood which remains in the slaughtered animal after the gushing out of the usual amount of blood by slaughtering, is *Tahir*, if no *Najasah* has touched it, such as the knife by which it was slaughtered.

9. The *Kafir* [disbeliever] other than the *Kitabi* [one who follows a Divine (revealed) religion]. As to the

Kitabi, such as a Christian, he is *Tahir*, in the opinion of some *Faqihs*. But when we want to mix with him in having food and drinking water, we have to be sure of his purity (*Taharah*) from the outer *Najasat*, such as [eating] pork, [drinking] wine and from urine, etc.

10. The sweat of the *Jallalah* animals.⁴ These are the animals which are accustomed to eat human faeces. These are the *Najasat* from which one is to cleanse oneself by *Tahir* (pure) water in obedience of Allah's command, in order to become pure and clean for the performance of one's worshipping rituals, and to preserve one's health.

The Difference between the Najasat and Qadhurat [Qadharat]

The *Najasat* differ from the *Qadharat* (filthy things or filth) in a way that the *Najasat* are, as was formerly mentioned, particular materials, whose existence on one's body or clothing renders the *Salat* and the *Tawaf* around the *Ka'bah Batil* (invalid). Whereas the filthy or dirty things do not render the *Salat* and the *Tawaf Batil*, if they exist on the body or the dress.

Nevertheless, Islam dislikes filth, and persuades people to get rid of it. The Noble Prophet (s) censured the dirty person and described his appearance as to be ugly. He said: "How bad a dirty servant [of Allah] is!"

The Prophet (s) encouraged cleanliness and good appearance. He said: "Islam is clean, so be clean." Islam wants the Muslim to be clean and *Tahir*.

How does the Najasah Spread

The aforementioned *Najasat* do not affect other *Tahir* things, except through humidity which causes the *Najasah* to infiltrate and transfer from the *Najasah* to the *Tahir* object. But by touching dry *Najasah*, the *Tahir* object, such as the body, the dress or the utensils, will not become *Najis*.

Discussion

Q1. Fill in the blank: The *Najasah* does not infiltrate from a *Najis* or a *Mutanajjis* object to the *Tahir* objects, except through infiltrable.....

Q2. Put the sign ✓ before the correct statement and the sign X before the incorrect one.

a. Fish blood is *Najis*.

b. The faeces of birds and sheep are *Tahir*.

c. A dead sheep is *Tahir*.

Q3. Answer the following questions.

a. Why do we clean ourselves from the *Najasat*?

b. How does the *Najasah* spread?

1. Some jurisprudents consider beer to be Tahir, though it is Haram.
2. Human Maytah is considered Najis by the jurisprudents—who follow the teachings of Ahlul-Bayt (a.s.), and the followers of Abu Hanifah.
3. Exceptional is the semen of the animals whose blood does not gush out when slaughtered. This is accepted by all sects except the Shafi'is, who take only the semen of dogs and pigs to be Najis. While the Hanbalis regard the only Najis semen to be that of the animals whose meat is lawful to eat.
4. Some jurisprudents see that the sweat of the Jallalah animals is all Tahir, except that of the Jallalah camels which is Najis.

Al-Mutahhirat [The Purifiers]

In the past lesson we learned about the *Najasat* (impurities), which are to be cleansed so that one becomes *Tahir* [pure] for the *Salat*. In this lesson we will learn about the *Mutahhirat* (purifiers) which do away with the *Najasah* and make us *Tahir*. These *Mutahhirat* are:

Water, earth, the sun, *Istihalah* [transformation], changing, Islam, consequentiality, the removal of the very *Najasah* from man's inside and the body of the animal, absence, the going (losing) of two-thirds of the heated or boiled substance, the *Istibra* of the *Halal* animal and transfer. Each one of these make the *Mutanajjis Tahir* in its own particular way.

Al-Ma'ut-Tahur (The Pure Purifying Water).

It is the pure water which purifies us and the things from the *Najasah*, and makes purity from the *Wudu* by means of *Ghusl* or *Wudu*. It is the absolute or the natural water which is free from *Najasah* or any additional substance. Allah, the Exalted, says:

"And We sent down purifying water from the sky" (25:48)

Islam is the religion of purification and cleanliness (*Nazafah*). It rejects filth and *Najasah*. Hence, it makes it *Wajib* (obligatory) to purify our bodies, clothes and places of our *Sujud* from the *Najasat*, such as urine, faeces, blood, dogs, pigs, *Maytah*, etc.. It is also *Wajib* to perform the *Wudu* before the *Salat*.

We cleanse the *Najasah* and remove it with water. We perform the *Wudu* with water, too. The water, with which we purify ourselves and perform our *Wudu* is stipulated as follows:

1. It must be natural water, such as rain, river, sea, well, or tap water, which is in our houses and towns, and the like. Whereas the unnatural water, like the water we extract from the plants and fruits is not

allowed to be used for *Taharah*.

2. It must be absolute, that is, free from any added substance changing its colour, taste or smell, such as perfume, soap, pigments, fruit juice, and the like. So, if water is mixed with perfume, pigments, or fruit juice to the extent of changing its quality, it must not be used to perform *Wudu* or *Ghusl* nor to be used to purify our bodies, clothes or utensils from *Najasah*.

3. The water with which we perform the *Wudu* or *Ghusl*, or purify ourselves from *Najasah*, must be *Tahir* and mixed with no najasah. If a drop of urine or blood dropped in a jug of water, for example, or if a dog drank from the small basin from which we perform the *Wudu*, the water would become *Najis* and we must not use it to perform the *Wudu* or *Ghusl* or purify ourselves from the *Najasat*.

4. The water with which we intend to perform the *Wudu* must be *Halal*, that is, neither stolen nor usurped, as Allah, the Glorified, prohibited us from taking people's properties without their consent. He does not like us to steal water or usurp it to perform the *Wudu* or the *Ghusl*.

How to Purify Thing with Absolute Water

1. Water purifies things which have become *Mutanajjis* with urine, by rinsing them twice, if the quantity of the water is little¹, such as a quantity to fill a jug. But the utensils need to be rinsed three times with it.

2. If water is plentiful, such as river, sea or tap-water, etc., it purifies the object from the *Najasah* simply by removing the *Najasah* with it, and there would be no need for rinsing it twice or more.

3. If a rat² died in a utensil, it should be rinsed seven times with water so as to purify it. As to other *Najasat*, such as blood and faeces, the *Mutanajjis* objects can be purified by merely removing the *Najasah* with water. There will be no need to rinse them twice.

4. If a dog drank from a utensil it must be "washed" once with *Tahir* soil mixed with some water, then it should be rinsed twice³ with water, and it may also become *Tahir* if rinsed once with plenty of water.

5. When we wash things with little water to make them *Tahir*, the water must be wrung out of wringable objects twice, after the first rinsing, and also after the second one if the object became *Najis* because of urine. And the water remaining during and after rinsing a *Najis* object, is *Najis*.

The Earth

Dry and *Tahir* earth⁴ makes the sole of a foot or a shoe *Tahir*, if it's *Najasah* was caused by walking. It becomes *Tahir* by merely removing the *Najasah* by rubbing them on the earth or walking on it.

The Sun

The sun purifies the earth and other big, immovable objects, such as doors, windows, fruit-trees and vegetables in the fa1ms. etc., which may have become *Mutanajjis*, provided that the *Najasah* is removed first, and the *Mutanajjis* thing is moist when exposed to the sun and dried by its rays.⁵

Al-Istihalah [Transformation]

If a *Najis*, or *Mutanajjis*, thing is transformed into a different material with different characteristics inasmuch as to become something else, it becomes *Tahir*. Such as faeces turning into ashes by fire, or urine transforming into vapour, etc. This is called *Istihalah*.

[Al-Inqilab] Change

It happens when the nature of something changes into something else, by itself or by industrial process, such as when wine changes into vinegar. This wine that has changed into vinegar is *Tahir*.

Islam

It means that when a *Kafir* embraces Islam he becomes *Tahir* together with his belongings.

Consequently

As a consequence of embracing Islam, his things which were considered *Najis* due to his previous state of *Kufr* (disbelief), become *Tahir*. That is, when a *Kafir* to Islam all his belongings, such as utensils, clothes and other things owned by him become *Tahir*. As such, the minor children of a father, a mother or a grandfather embracing Islam will, consequently, become *Tahir*, too.

Similarly, the vessels of wine consequently become *Tahir*, if the wine in them changed into vinegar. Likewise, the hands of the one who gives the *Ghusl* to a dead, the place on which the dead is lain while being washed, and the clothes the washer wears, become *Tahir* as a result of the dead becoming *Tahir*.

The Removal of the Najasah from Man's Inside

For example, if the inside of a man's mouth becomes *Najis* due to bleeding, it will become *Tahir* as soon as it stops bleeding, and there would be no need to rinse it with water.

The body of an animal becomes *Tahir* by the removal of the *Najasah* from it without having to wash it. For example, the *Mutanajjis* beak of a bird becomes *Tahir* as soon as the *Najasah* and its moisture are removed from it; likewise is the body of an animal and the bloodstained mouth of a cat.

Muslim's Absence

It means that when a Muslim—known to be careful about the *Taharah* if his body, clothes furniture and belongings become *Najis*, is absent for a period enough for him to make *Tahir* what had become *Najis*, and we saw him usually perform what requires *Taharah*, such as the *Salat*, by using what we knew to be *Najis*, we take him to have purified his belongings.

The (Losing) of Two-Thirds [of the Heated or Boiled substance]

Some *Faqihs* believe that the vine-juice remains *Najis* if it is boiled, unless two-thirds of it evaporates, and hence it becomes *Tahir*, as well as its container.

The Istibra of the Jallal Animals

If the *Halal* animals, such as camels, cows and sheep, stopped eating man's faeces, their droppings and urine become *Tahir*.

[Al-Intiqal] Transfer

If a *Najis* or a *Mutanajjis* is transferred into another material and becomes part of it, it becomes *Tahir*, such as man's blood sucked by a mosquito.

Discussion

Q1. Count and write the *Mutahhirat* which make things *Tahir* and remove the *Najasah*.

Q2. Define the absolute and the mixed waters, stating which one is not to be used for purification.

Q3. How would you purify the following *Mutanajjis* objects?

- a. A solid thing, such as a wall.
- b. A dress that is *Mutanajjis* by urine.
- c. A basin in which a dead rat has been found.
- d. A utensil licked by a dog.

Q4. Answer with "Yes", or "No".

- a. Can the muddy earth purify the sole (of the foot)?
- b. Would wine become *Tahir* if it changed into vinegar?

Q5. Give an example for a *Mutanajjis* which becomes *Tahir* by consequence.

Q6. If a person's mouth bled, then the bleeding stopped inside the mouth, must he wash the inside of his mouth with water before performing the *Salat*? Why?

Q7. You have a friend committed to the precepts of the *Shari'ah*. You saw him using a utensil which was *Mutanajjis* two days ago during which he was absent. Tell the judgement concerning that utensil.

Q8. What is the judgment concerning the blood coming out of the body of a mosquito which had sucked it from a man's body? Explain in details.

1. The "little water" is a quantity less than a "Kurr", that is, less than 27 cubic span in volume, or 357, 200 c.cm. As to the "Plentiful water", it is that which amounts to 11 "Kurr" or more, such as the river water, the tap water, the pool and the reservoir with the capacity of a "Kurr" or more.

2. A large wild rat is meant here, not the domestic small rat or mouse.

3. Malik says that if a utensil was licked by a dog, it should be rinsed seven times, not because of the dog being Najis, but as a ritual. The Shafi'is and the Hanbalis say that it must be rinsed seven times including dry wash with soil.

4. By "earth" we mean its general comprehensive meaning including soil, rocks, sand, bricks, gypsum, etc.

5. The Hanafis say that it becomes Tahir, whether it has been dried by the sun or by the wind.

Al-Ghusl [Ritual Ablution for Purification]

The *Ghusl* is enjoined by Islam to effect purification. It is of two kinds:

The *Mustahabb Ghusls*, such as the *Ghusl* on Friday, whose performing period extends from dawn to noon; the *Ghusls* on the *Eids*: The *Eidul-Fitr* [The first day of the month of *Shawwal*, after a month of fasting. the month of *Ramadan*], and *Eidul-Adha* on the 10th of the month of *Dhul-Hijjah* after having finished the *Hajj* rituals, whose performing period extends from after the dawn to noon; and other such occasions. The *Wajib Ghusls*, such as:

1. *Ghuslul-Janabah*.

2. *Ghuslul-Hayd*, which is a *Ghusl* enjoined on women at the end of their menstrual periods.

3. *Ghuslul-Nifas*, which is a *Ghusl* enjoined on women after all childbirth bleeding has stopped.

4. The *Ghusl* of *Ghuslul-Mayyit*¹, which is enjoined on the one who touches a human corpse after becoming cold and before giving it *Ghuslul-Mayyit*. If the body was touched while still warm, or after giving it the *Ghusl*, no *Ghusl* would then be required from the one who has touched it.

5. *Ghuslul-Mayyit*.

6. *Ghuslul-Istihadah*, which is to be performed in the medium and big *Istihadahs*, according to the details stated in the books of *Fiqh*.

7. The *Ghusl* incumbent by making a vow and the like.

How to Perform a Licit Ritual Ghusl

When one does *Al-Hadathul-Akbar*², and has, therefore, to perform the *Ghusl* to become *Tahir*, or when someone wants to perform a mustahab *Ghusl*, one of the following two methods of performing the *Ghusl* is to be followed:

1. The *Tartibi Ghusl*, which is to wash the body part by part, as below:
 - a. Start washing the head and the neck thoroughly.
 - b. Then wash the right side of your body from the neck down to the end of the foot. Then, likewise, wash the left side of your body.³
2. The *Irtimasi Ghusl*, which is to immerse the whole body in water so as to wash it all at once, in a river or a pool.

Some Conditions of the Valid Ghusl

There are certain conditions which should be observed when performing the *Ghusl*.

1. Intention.⁴ This is expressed by saying to oneself: "I perform. The *Ghuslul-Janabah* (for example) for the pleasure of Allah."
2. Should there be any *Najasah* on the body, such as blood, urine or the like, it must be removed and its place should be purified before starting the *Ghusl*.
3. Should there be an obstructive thing on the body preventing water from reaching the skin, such as cosmetic materials, bandages, and the like, they must be removed before the *Ghusl*.
4. The water intended for the *Ghusl* is to be *Tahir*, absolute and nothing should have been added to it in a way that cause any change in its quality, such as soap, rose water, and the like.
5. It is also necessary that this water must be *Mubah*, not usurped. Similarly, the place of the *Ghusl* must be *Mubah* and not usurped either.

Having learnt about the *Wajib Ghusls*, their causes and necessities, we shall hereunder give more explanation concerning the particular precepts of the *Janabah* and the *Hayd*.

Al-Janabah

The *Janabah* is a state of impurity caused by two reasons:

- The ejaculation of semen, disregarding the cause of the ejaculation.
- Sexual intercourse, even without ejaculation.

This last one is true for both sexes. When either of these causes happens, the state of *Janabah* happens, and, consequently, the *Mujnib* [one who is in the state of *Janabah*] is to perform *Ghuslul-Janabah* before doing any ritual act for which one must be purified from the *Janabah*, such as *Salat* and *Sawm*⁵, etc.

Acts a Junub Must Not Do before Ghuslul-Janabah:

There are certain ritual acts which are not to be done by the *Junub* person. There are also other acts which will be *Batil* if done by him or her, as the validity of all these acts depends on *Ghuslul-Janabah*, that is, if the *Junub* person performed *Ghuslul-Janabah* and became *Tahir*, he/she would be allowed to do the following acts, which would be then valid:

1. The *Salat*, except *Salatul-Mayyit*⁶, would be *Batil* if performed by a *Junub* person, as he must first purify himself by *Ghuslul-Janabah*, and then he may perform the *Salat*.
2. The *Wajib Tawaf*⁷ around the *Ka'bah*, is dependent on the *Taharah*.
3. The *Sawm*⁸ of the month of *Ramadan* and its *Qada*⁹. That is this *Sawm* would be *Batil* if he got up in a state of *Janabah* intentionally or forgetfully. But the wet dream would not make the *Sawm Batil*.
4. The *Junub* is not allowed to touch the script of the Holy Qur'an, nor the names of Allah, the Glorified.
5. The *Junub* is not allowed¹⁰ to enter the mosques, or stay in them. He however, is allowed to pass through them, except *Al-MasjidulHaram* [the *Ka'bah*] and the *Masjid* [mosque] of the Prophet (s) in which the *Junub* is neither allowed to stay nor to pass through.
6. The *Junub* is not allowed¹¹ to recite the "*Sajdah*" verses of *Al-Aza'im Surahs* of the Qur'an [The verses which obligate their reciter to prostrate to Allah directly after reciting them]. *Al-Aza'im, Surahs* are: *ALM As-Sajdah, Fussilat, An-Najm* and *Al- Alaq*.

N.B. It is *Makruh* for the *Junub* person to eat or drink unless he has first performed a *Wudu*, rinsed out his mouth or sniffed up water. It is also *Makruh* for him to sleep before performing *Wudu* or *Tayammum* instead of the *Ghusl*.

Discussion:

Q1. The *Ghusl* is making *Taharah* with water. Count the different *Ghusla* which are made incumbent upon us by Islam.

Q2. How do you perform a *Wajib* or a *Mustahabb Ghusl*?

Q3. Count the conditions for a correct *Ghusl*.

Q4. Mark the correct statement with the sign $\sqrt{}$ and the incorrect with X.

a. There is no need to perform the *Ghusl* by the one who has touched a still warm dead body of a human being.

b. The *Mujnib* (*Junub*) is allowed to enter a mosque.

c. The *Mujnib* is allowed to touch the Holy Names of Allah.

d. Performing *Ghusl* with mixed water achieves the *Taharah* from *Al-Hadathul-Akbar*.

1. Most of the Ulama of the Ahlul-Bayt Sect regard the Ghusl of Massul-Mayyit to be *Wajib*, while the other Islamic sects do not see it as *Wajib*.

2. *Al-Hadathul-Akbar* is the state which requires purification by a Ghusl, such as the Janabah, the Hayd, the Istihadah [Irregular menses], the Nifas and MassulMayyit. As to *Al-Hadathul-Asghar*, it is the state which requires, for its removal, purification by Wudu, such as the discharge of urine, and feces, hrca king wind or the sleep which anects the seeing and hearing senses.

3. The four Islamic sects do not demand the Ghusl to be in a certain manner. They only demand that the water should cover the whole body, making no difference whether one is to start downwards or upwards. The Hanafis add obligatory mouthrinsing and sniffing.

4. The Hanbalis do not regard "the intention" to be obligatory for the correctness of the Ghusl.

5. In respect of Sawm, the Junub person has to perform Guslul-Janabah, in case the state happens before dawn.

6. The four Islamic sects make no difference between the Massul-Mayyit and olher Salats as for as the Ghusl is concerned, it is needed for all.

7. The Hanafis say that the Tawaf of the one who makes a Badath during it is correct, though he is regarded to have committed a sin.

8. The four sects do not necessitate Ghuslul-Janabah for the correctness of the Sawm.

9. Some of the Faqihs see that it is a *Mustahabb* precaution that one should not get up in an intentional state of Janabah in the *Wajib* Sawm (other than the Sawm of Ramadan and its Qada). Others believe that all the *Wajib* Sawms in general would be *Batil*, precautionously, if one got up in a state of Janabah.

10. It is unanimously accepted that the Junub should not stay in the mosque, but they differ in respect of permissibility of his passing through it. The Malikis and the Hanafis say: "It is not allowed except in the case of necessity". The Shafi'is and the Hanbalis say: "Passing through the mosque, without staying, is allowed."

11. The Malikis say: "It is *Haram* for a Junub to recite any part of the Qur'an except very little for the purpose of proving an argument. The Hanbalis say nearly the same. The Hanafis say that it is not allowed, except if the Junub is a teacher of the Qur'an, teaching it word by word. The Shafi'is say: "It is *Haram*, even a single letter of it, except in praise of Allah, such as reciting the Basmalah [saying: Bismi Llahir-Rahmanir-Rahim] when eating.

Al-Hayd [Menstruation]

Foreword

Allah, the Exalted, created the male and female, granting each one particular characteristics, and making their bodies especially to be suitable for the task assigned to either of them in life. Therefore, He constructed the woman's body to be suitable for pregnancy and childbirth.

With His wisdom and might Allah assigned women to bear children within a defined period of years that is between nine and fifty. A female who has completed nine years is regarded as mature and fit for pregnancy [if she has started her menses]. The woman who has passed over fifty reaches the state of menopause or "change of life"¹. It is called "*Sinnul Yas*" i. e. the age of despair in which she has little hope of becoming pregnant.

Females at the age of nine or more, experience their menses once every month, because of a Divine wisdom, and for the well-being of the woman's body in respect of pregnancy and childbirth. This discharge of blood from the woman's womb is called *Hayd* (menstruation) or menstrual [monthly] period.

Therefore, Hayd is the blood discharged from the womb of a mature woman whose age does not generally exceed 50 years. The blood is mostly thick, warm, and black or red, which flows out strongly.

It is, thus, obvious that the lowest age for a female to start Hayd is nine years, and it continues till the age of 50. During the said years, each woman has menstruation within a fixed period every month: In which blood is discharged from her womb, because of a Divine wisdom, and for the benefit of the woman's body and pregnancy.

The Duration of the Hayd

Women differ in respect of the duration of their menses. Some have it for three days and some others for more i. e. four to ten days. However, the longest duration is ten days, and the least period three days. Therefore, the womb's blood that continues for less than three days is not *Hayd* and does not call for the observation of the Hayd rules. Similarly, the blood which lasts for more than ten days is not *Hayd*, either.²

Ghuslul-Hayd

As we know that the woman *Hayed* during her menstrual period is not allowed to do certain ritual acts, such as the *Sawm*, the *Salat*, the *Tawaf* around the *Ka'bah*, etc. These acts would not be acceptable, until after performing *Ghuslul-Hayd*, which is incumbent on a woman after her *Hayd* period has come to

an end, so as to resume performing her religious duties which requires a state of *Taharah*. The manner of performing the *Ghusl* has already been explained in a previous lesson, which may be referred to

Ahkam (Precepts) about the Hayd

During *Hayd* a woman should observe certain regulations, such as:

1. The Hayd is not allowed to touch the script of the Glorious Qur'an nor the Names and Attributes of Allah.
2. She is not allowed to enter *Al-Masjidul-Haram* nor *MasjidulNabi*, even to pass through any of them.

As to other mosques she is allowed to pass through, i. e. entering from a door and going out from another, as one passes in the street. She is also allowed to enter a mosque to take something out of it, but she is not allowed to enter it for any other purpose, or to stay there.

3. She is not allowed to place anything inside a mosque, even from outside as extending her hand through a door or a window to put something in it.
4. She is not allowed to recite even a part of the four *Surahs* is of *AlAzaim*. These *Surahs* are: *Al-Alaq*, *An-Najm*, *ALM As-Sajdah*, and *Fussilat*.
5. The husband is not allowed to have sexual intercourse with his wife during her *Hayd* period. He is to wait until her period is over, and she has performed the *Ghusl*.
6. The divorce of a *Hayed* is in valid³ if the husband has already gone into her, provided that the husband is present at the time of divorce, and she was not pregnant.
7. The *Hayed* is exempted from the *Salat* as it is not *Wajib* upon her and it would be *Batil* if she performed it. She is also exempted from performing the *Qada Salat* after her period is over.
8. The fasting of a *Hayed* is *Batil*, and she is exempted from fasting during the month of *Ramadan* on the days of her period. But she will have to settle the lapsed days later on.

Discussion

Q1. Why is the Hayd called "menstrual [monthly] period"?

Q2. Mark with the sign √ the correct rule (*Hukm*), and with the sign X the incorrect one:

- a. The shortest "monthly period" is three days.
- b. The shortest "monthly period" is two days.
- c. The longest "monthly period" is ten days.

d. The longest "monthly period" is seven days.

e. If a woman has her "period" during the month of *Ramadan*, she will be exempted from fasting during the days of her period, and she will have to settle that later on, after the month of *Ramadan*, by fasting as many days as the lapsed ones.

Q3. Answer the following:

a. Is the *Hayed* allowed to recite the four *Surahs* of *Al-Azaim*?

b. Is it incumbent on the *Hayed* to perform the *Salat* during her period, or is she to perform the lapsed *Salats* later on after *Tahir*?

c. Is the *Hayed* allowed to enter a mosque and stay there for a while?

[1.](#) The menopause time is disputed. The Hanbalis say: "It is fifty years". The Hanafis say: "It is fifty-five years". The Malikis say: "Seventy years" The Shafi'is say: "As long as a woman is alive, there is the possibility of her having her period, though it is expected to stop after the age of sixty-two."

[2.](#) The Hanbalis and the Shafi'is say: "The shortest is one day and one night, and the longest is fifteen days." The Malikis say: "No limit for its shortest, but its longest is fifteen days for the non-pregnant woman."

[3.](#) All four sects prohibit the divorce of the *Haid*. Yet, if it happened, it would be Valid, but the divorcing party would be considered a sinner.

Ghuslul-Mayyit [Ritual Ablution of the Dead Person]

We have formerly learnt how to perform *Al-Ghuslul-Wajib* such as the *Ghusls* of *Al-Janabah* and of *Al-Hayd*, as well as *Al-Ghuslul-Mustahabb*. We have realized that they follow an identical process. Now we want to learn the precepts pertaining to *Ghuslul-Mayyit*, i.e. the ritual washing [ablution] of the dead before burial:

1. The body of a dead Muslim, old or young, even the miscarried fetus, if it has completed four months^{[1](#)}, must be ritually washed.

2. The dead is to be washed with three kinds of water. It is given a complete *Ghusl*, like the *Ghuslul-Janabah*, with each kind of the said waters, as below:

a. First, it is to be washed with a water mixed with powdered side.^{[2](#)}

b. Then, it is to be washed with a water mixed with camphor.^{[3](#)}

c. At last, it is to be washed with absolute (natural) water.

d. By these three *Ghusls* the body of the dead becomes *Tahir*.⁴

N.B. A martyr, who has been killed in a battle for defending Islam and the Islamic sanctuaries, needs no *Ghusl* and no *Kafan* [shroud]. He is buried without being washed or wrapped in a shroud, so as to meet Allah stained with the blood of honour and martyrdom, and to be, on the Day of Resurrection, a blood-stained witness against those who killed him and warred against justice and faith.

Explanation

The martyr who is not to be ritually washed must have died in battle or shortly after it, but before being attended to by the Muslims while still in his last breath of life.

Discussion

Q1. How are the dead washed, and what different kinds of water are to be used for the *Ghusl*.

Q2. Is a martyr who falls in battle to be ritually washed? Why?

- ¹. The Hanbalis say that the *Ghusl* is *Wajib*. The Hanafis say: "If it is delivered alive then dies, or if it foils dead but with complete physical constitution, it must be washed, otherwise no *Ghusl* would be needed.
- ². Powdered leaves of the Nabq or lote-tree
- ³. A strong-smelling substance extracted from the camphor-tree.
- ⁴. The other four Islamic sects; the Hanafis, the Malikis, the Shafi'is, and the Hanbalis say that the *Wajib Ghusl* is that which is done by pure water, while the other two *Ghusls* are *Mustahabb* (Look up "Al-Fiqh Al-Madhabil-Khamsah" by Shaykh Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah, p. 57).

Al-Wudu [Ritual Ablution before prayers]

1. When we want to perform a *Salat*, whether *Wajib* or *Mustahabb*, we must make a *Wudu* for that *Salat*. Before doing so, we must remove any thing, from the specified *Wudu* parts of the body, which prevents the reach of water to their skin; such as the stinking materials, paints, cosmetics, etc.
2. If there is *Najasah* on any of the parts of the *Wudu*, we have to purify that part before performing the *Wudu*.
3. Intention is a basic condition for the valid performance of the *Wudu*; otherwise it would be incorrect.

How to Perform the Wudu

The Glorious Qur'an, in the verse No. 6 of *Suratul-Maidah*, tells us how to perform it. It says:

***"O you who believe! when you rise up for the Salat wash your faces and your hands as far as the elbows, and wipe your heads and your feet up to the ankles."*(5:6)**

Allah, the Glorified, commanded us to perform the *Wudu* for the *Salat* so as to stand in His presence, purified, invoking upon Him and asking His forgiveness.

The *Wudu* consists of six consecutive steps:

1. Washing the face vertically from the hairline down to the chin, and in breadth from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the middle finger.
2. Washing the right arm from 1 the elbow till the tips of the fingers.
3. Washing the left arm from the elbow till the tips of the fingers.
4. Wiping the top of the head down 2 to the hairline with the wet fingers of our right hand.
5. Wiping the back of our right foot with our wet right hand, from the tips of our toes up to the ankle.
6. Wiping the back of our left foot with our wet left hand, from the tips of our toes up to the ankle.

The Desirable Norms of the Wudu

There are some acts which we call: "The desirable norms of the *Wudu*:" They are *Mustahabb*, not *Wajib* acts. Performing them is better for us because they please Allah, the Glorified, and He rewards us on them. The Noble Messenger of Allah (s) used to perform them. Some of them are as follows:

1. Saying: "*Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim*", before starting the *Wudu*.
2. Reciting some *Mustahabb* invocations.
3. Rinsing 3 the mouth with water.
4. Sniffing water.

Invalidators of the Wudu [Things Which Render It Batil]

We have learnt that the *Wudu* effects our *Taharah*, and that the *Salat* would be invalid if performed without *Taharah*. There are, however, other occurrences which render the *Wudu Batil* and require it to be re-performed. Examples:

1. Urination and defecation: If urine or faeces have been discharged from a person's body, his *Wudu* will become *Batil* and he will have to repeat it. If this happens during the *Salat*, it will also become *Batil*, and will have to stop it repeat the *Wudu* and then repeat the *Salat* once again.
2. Breaking wind: If a person break wind his *Wudu* will become *Batil*, and he will have to repeat the

Wudu if he has to perform a *Salat*. Should one breaks wind during the *Salat* one would have to stop his *Salat*, repeat his *Wudu*, and then repeat the *Salat*.

3. Sleep: If a person, who has performed the *Wudu*, slept and his sleeping overcame his senses of hearing and sight, his *Wudu* would become *Batil*, and he would have to repeat it if he wanted to perform a religious duty which requires the *Wudu* like *Salat*.

4. Whatever causes mental disorder like unconsciousness, intoxication, and madness.

Discussion:

Q1. If a *Mutawaddi* [the one who has performed *Wudu*] slept, should he repeat his *Wudu* for his next *Salat* or not? Why?

Q2. Are mouth-rinsing and sniffing water desirable traditions or *Wajibs* when making *Wudu*?

Q3. After finishing the *Wudu*, one noticed that his nose was bleeding. Would his *Wudu* become *Batil* or not?

Q4. Explain how you would teach an interested person how to perform the *Wudu*, if he asked you.

Q5. A person has performed his *Wudu* while there was a thick patch of glue on his hand. Would his *Wudu* be correct or not? Why?

1. The Faqihs of the four sects have unanimously given the option to wash the arms starting from the elbows or from the fingers, but they differ in respect of the tradition. Some say it should be started from the fingers, while the Shafi'is say that it differs, whether one ladles water with one's hand or pours water on one's hand. They say that if one has ladled water by one's hand, one is to start from the frony of the limbs. But if one has poured water down, as from a tap or a pitcher or somebody else has had to help one to perform the *Wudu*, one would have to start from the elbows in washing the arms, and from the ankles in respect of the feet. (Look up: Abdur-Rahman Al-Juzayri's "Al-Fiqha"Ala Al-Madhahibil-Arba'ah" vol. 1. p. 56, quoted from "Al-Haqaiq Fil-Jawami Wal-Fawariq"). The Imami Shi'ah say that it is *Wajib* to start from the elbow, while the other sects say it is allowed to do so... As-Suyuti, in his interpretation of the Qur'an. "AdDurrul-Manthor", vol. 2, commenting on Suratul-Ma'idah, verse No. 6, concerning the Hanafi" says: "Ad-Dar-Qutni and Al-Bayhaqi in their 'Sunan', quoting Jabir Ibn Ahdullah, said: "The Messenger of Allah (s) used to pour water on his elbows for performing the *Wudu*.

2. The Muslims unanimously say that it is *Wajib* to wipe the head in the *Wudu*, as is stated in the Qur'an explicitly, but they differ in respect of the place of the wiping and its width. The Malikis and the Hanbalis say that the whole of the head is *Wajib* to wipe. The Shafi'is say that it is necessary to wipe the head even a little part of it. The Hanafis say that the supposed part is a quarter of the head. The Imami Shi'ah say that the *Wajib* is only a part or the front of the head. It is stated in Muslim's "Sahih" and elsewhere in respect of the Hadith narrated by Al-Mughirah (r.) that. "The Prophet (s) performed the *Wudu* wiping his forelock or (forepart of his head) while he still had his turban on." Ahu Dawud (r.) quotes Anas's narration that. "The Prophet (s) inserted his hand under his turban and performed the Mash (wiping) on the forepart of his head without removing the turban". No need to say that Allah's saying and wipe your head" does not mean that the whole head should be wiped. There are more similar verbs, such as: -I hit Zayd's head... or I beat him on the head... or "I beat Zayd." I beat him on the hand". In all these linguistic meanings the hitting or the beating was effected on a part of the said organs. The same is true in respect of the said verse, too (Look up) "Ar-Rawdatun-Nadiyyah Fi Sharhid-Durartil-Bahiyah" by AbutTayyib Al-Qanuji Al-Bukhari. vol. 1, p. 38). The four sects said: "Both feet, including the insteps must be

washed once. The Imamis say they must be wiped with the moisture of the Wudu, starting from the tips of the toes up to the insteps, which are the "Arches of the feet the difference concerning performing wiping or washing the feet stems from misinterpreting verse No. 6 of Suratul-Ma'idah: "O you who believe! When you rise up for the Salat wash your faces and your hands as far as the elbows, and lightly wipe your heads and your feet up to the ankles." The clause "your feet" was read as in the genitive case, as well as in the accusative case. So those who say that the feet must be wiped, regard the clause to be in the genitive case, while those who say that they must be washed, regard the clause to be in the accusative case. Al-Fakhrur-Razi's opinion supports performing the wiping while Muhammad Ibn Jarir A1-Tahari Al Hasan Al-Basri, Al-Juba'l, Ath-Thawri and Al-Uwza'l, who are of the great Sunni Ulama, leave it to one's option to choose either to wash or to wipe. Others say that both are to be performed. Abo Dawod narrated that Ibn Abbas had said: "Do you want me to show you how the Messenger of Allah (s) used to perform Wudu? Then he related the narrative ending it by saying: "Then he wiped his feet with his hands".

3. The mouth-rinsing and the sniffing are Wajib, in the opinion of the Hanbalis

Wudu-UI-Jabirah

Accidents may happen to a person causing a wound or a fracture to the parts or his body used in the *Wudu* and he may be obliged to cover the injured part with a plaster, a bandage or a splint (which is called "the *Jabirah*"). So, how can he perform his *Wudu*? The answer is as follows;

1. If he can remove the *Jabirah* and perform the *Wudu* he should do so.
2. If he cannot remove the *Jabirah*¹, but can immerse the limb in water without incurring any harm, he should perform his *Wudu* in this way.
3. If he cannot follow the said two methods, he should wash the parts which can be washed, and, when it comes to the *Jabirah*, he is to pass his hand on it. If there was a *Najasah* on the *Jabirah*, such as blood, that could not be removed then he is to cover the *Najasah* with a piece of cloth and wipe it with his hand.
4. Should the *Jabirah* be on the foot and completely covering it all the *Wudu* is to be replaced by the *Tayammum*.
5. Should the *Jabirah* be on the face or the hand covering it both *Wudu UI-Jabirah* and the *Tayammum* should be performed successively.
6. If the *Wudu* parts were infected with a disease that caused swelling, or allergy, and one had to wrap them in bandages which were not to be removed, nor to be immersed in water, so rubbing them would not suffice, and one would have to do the *Tayammum*.

Discussion

Q1. How should the *Wudu* be done by;

- a. A person with a *Jabirah* which he can remove?
- b. A person with a *Jabirah* which he cannot remove?
- c. A person with a *Jabirah* bearing *Najasah*?

Q2. Mark the correct statement with the sign ✓ and the incorrect with the sign X.

- a. One whose *Jabirah* covers his hand is to do both the *Wudu* and the *Tayammum*.
- b. One whose *Jabirah* covers his foot completely is to perform the *Wudu*.
- c. One who has wrapped a *Wudu* part with a bandage because of swelling, is to do the *Tayammum* instead of the *Ghusl* or the *Wudu*.

1. Al-Jabirah is a splint which is tied to an injured or broken arm or leg to keep it in the right position while it heals, like plaster, gypsum, etc.

At-Tayammum

When it becomes difficult to use water for the *Ghusl* and *Wudu*, it will be *Wajib* to perform the *Tayammum* with *Tahir* (pur and clean) earth, like soil, sand, pebbles, rocks or any part of the *Tahir* earth. It is also allowed to perform the *Tayammum* with anything from which dust may rise if beaten, such as carpets, textiles, etc., in case one could not perform the *Tayammum* with earth.

The *Tayammum* was enjoined to replace the *Ghusl* or the *Wudu* which in certain cases is allowed by the Qur'an, verse 6, *SuratulMaidah*:

".....and if you are junub [unclean] make yourselves Tahir [pure] And if you are sick or on a journey, or one of you comes from the closet (w.c.), or you have touched the women, and you find no water, then perform the tayammum with clean good soil by wiping your faces and hands with some of it. Allah does not desire to put a burden on you, but He wishes to purify you and perfect His grace upon you so that you may give thanks."(5:6)

The Cases in Which the Tayammum Is Allowed

1. In case we could not obtain water, or its price was too expensive and would badly affect our budget, or trying to obtain it would be humiliating and disgraceful, or if the amount of our water was only enough

to be used for drinking, in a manner that we would face thirst if we used it for the *Wudu* or the *Ghusl*. In such a case we would be allowed to perform the *Tayammum* and keep the water to preserve our lives; when, for instance, we are travellers in the desert, or soldiers in the warfront.

2. In case using water would be harmful to us because of some illness, or very severe coldness, etc.
3. In case the time left for performing the *Wajib* is too short to allow a *Ghusl* or a *Wudu*.
4. When the water we have is only enough to remove a *Najasah* from the body, we remove it and do the *Tayammum* for the *Salat*, as we are not allowed to keep the *Najasah* and use the water for the *Wudu*.
5. Performing the *Tayammum* gives us the right to perform other ritual acts which require *Taharah*, though this is true as long as the excuse for the *Tayammum* is still there. And when it is no longer there, one will have to perform the *Ghusl* or the *Wudu* before performing such ritual acts which require *Taharah*.

How to Perform the Tayammum

The aforementioned paragraph told us about the cases in which we must perform the *Tayammum*. Hereunder we learn how to perform it;

1. The intention: One is to inwardly express the intention that: "I perform the *Tayammum* for the pleasure of Allah the Exalted."
2. To hit the earth with the palms of both hands together, wipe the forehead with them, starting from the hair-line of the head, continuing to the top of the nose and the eyebrows. Then, the back of the right hand, from the wrist to the tips of the fingers, is wiped with the palm of the left hand, then the same thing is done to the back of the left hand with the palm of the right hand.

Discussion

Q1. Explain Allah's saying: "...and if you find no water, perform the *Tayammum* with clean earth, by wiping your faces and hands with it..."

Q2. Count and explain the cases in which we have to perform the *Tayammum*.

Q3. How would you judge somebody who performed the *Tayammum*, while there was *Najasah* on his hand, would his *Tayammum* be valid or *Batil*?

The Adhan and the Iqamah

Before starting the *Salat*, two *Mustahabb* acts may be done: The *Adhan* and the *Iqamah*. The performance of the *Adhan* is *Mustahabb* in two cases:

1. At the beginning of the time of the *Salat*, so as to make an announcement of the arrival of its time, as it is heard from the *Muadhdhin* at the arrival of the times of the morning and noon *Salats*, etc.
2. It is *Mustahabb* before performing the *Salat*, as a preparatory act, even if its time has passed for a while, say, for an hour or more.

The *Adhan* is the call to the *Salat*, stressing its importance and high position, so as to draw the attention of the unmindful, and remind the people. When one hears the call of the *Muadhdhin*, one should leave for a while one's work or occupation, and incline towards Allah with a humble heart, eager for worship and supplication.

The *Adhan* is one of the most commendable acts in Islam. Every word of it has its own particular meaning, and every phrase forms a certain idea in the soul of the Muslim and leaves its effect in his conscience.

Phrases of the Adhan

1. "*Allahu Akbar*" (4 times). It means that Allah is greater than any description and comprehension.
2. The *Shahadatan* [the two testimonies] which are: "*Ashhadu An La Ilaha Illa-Llah*" (twice), and "*Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Rasulu Llah*" (twice).

Their meaning is admitting the Oneness of Allah, and believing in Muhammad (s) as Messenger of Allah.

3. "*Hayya Alas-Salah*" (twice). It means: Come to the *Salat*.
4. "*Hayya Alal-Falah*" (twice). It means: Come to success in salvation, as there is nothing like the *Salat* leading to it.
5. "*Hayya Alla Khayrul- Amaal*" (twice). It means: Come to the best of acts most loved by Allah, the Exalted.
6. "*Allahu Akbar*" (twice)
7. "*La Ilaha Illa-Llah*" (twice)

The Iqamah

It is a *Mustahabb* extolment of Allah, by which we remember Him and glorify Him, and prepare ourselves and hearts on coming to perform the *Salat* before Allah with humbleness and servitude.

Phrases of the Iqamah

1. "*Allahu Akbar*" (twice).
2. "*Ashhadu An La Illiha Illa-Llah*" (twice).
3. "*Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Rasulullah*" (twice).
4. "*Hayya Alas-Salah*" (twice).
5. "*Hayya Alal-Falah*" (twice).
6. "*Hayya Ala Khayril-Amal*"¹ (twice)
7. "*Qad Qamatis Salah*" (twice).
8. "*Allahu Akbar*"² (twice)
9. "*La Ilaha Illa-Llah*" (once).

Discussion

Q1. If you are asked to call to the *Salat*, how will you do it? Explain.

Q2. What is meant by: "*Hayya Alal-Falah*", "*Allahu Akbar*", and "*Hayya Ala Khayril-Amal*"? Explain briefly.

Q3. What difference is there between the *Adhan* and the *Iqamah*?

¹ Some Ulama of different sects say that the phrase: Hayya Ala Khayril-Amal "Wa" included in the Adhan on the days of the Messenger of Allah (s). Among these are: Al-Qushachi, at the end of the chapter on Imammah or his "Sharhut-Tajrid", which he wrote on theology. He is a well-known Sunni scholar. Allamah Al-Halabi also a well-versed Sunni scholar, in his "Sirat Ibn Umar", chapter on the beginning of the Adhan, vol. 2, p. 110, says: "Abdullah and the Imam Zaynul Abidin used to say in the Adhan, after "Hayya Ala Khayril Amal". (Look up "Al-Haqa'iq Fil-Jawami Wal-Fawariq" by Ash-Shaykh Habib Ibn Ibrahim, vol. 2, p. 145. The four Islamic sects do not recite this phrase in their Adhan and Iqamah. Some of them have added the phrase "As-Salat Khayrun Minan-Nawm" [the Salat is better than sleep], which the Shafi'i refused to have it added, saying that it was not an original part of the Adhan. Some other Faqihs have also refused to recognize it. Ibn Rushd, in "Bidayatud-Mujtahid", vol. 1, ed. 1935, says: "Others said that "As-Salatu Khayrun Minan-Nawm" should not be said, because it was not of the traditional Adhan..." In "Al-Mughni", by Ibn Qudamah, vol. 1, p. 408, 3rd ed. it is said: "Ishaq said that this was something innovated by the people. Abu Isa said: This is the addition which had been loathed by the Ulama, and it was what caused Ibn Umar to leave the mosque on hearing it." (Look up "Al-Fiqh Alal Madhahibil-Khamsah"

by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah).

[2](#). The Hanafis, the Hanbalis, the Shafi'is and the Imami Shi'ah agree that the first Takbir [Allahu Akbar] at the beginning of the Adhan is to be repeated four times. The Malikis say that it is to be repeated twice. As to the other phrases of the Adhan, they are to be repeated twice each, as unanimously agreed upon, except the last "La Illaha Illa-Llah", which is to be said once, according to the Imami Shi'ah's opinion, twice according to the others' opinion, while the Malikis and the Shafi'is allow it to be said twice, regarding the second to be a Sunnah.

As-Salat

Allah, the Exalted, said:

"As-Salat is a timed ordinance for the believers". (4: 103)

As-Salat is a daily worship, fixed in its time, and *Rak'ahs* [units], during which a Muslim stands before Allah, the Glorified, five times every day, admitting His Oneness, worshipping Him, invoking His help, forgiveness and guidance.

Therefore, the *Salat* is a means of purifying the soul from sins and disobedience, reforming behaviour, and teaching man to do good and avoid evil deeds. The Messenger of Allah (s) described the *Salat* as to be like the water which purifies man of the *Najasat* and filth; by saying:

"If there is a river running at the foot of one's house, and uses it to wash one's body five times a day, would there remain any dirt on his body?" They said, 'No.' He said, 'So the *Salat* is like a running river. When you perform a *Salat*, your sins, which you might have committed between this *Salat* and the one before, would be washed off.' [1](#)

When a person performs his *Salat*, standing before Allah, the Glorified, reciting *Suratul-Fatihah* in praise of Allah, glorifying Him, asking Him for guidance and righteousness, renouncing those who had gone astray and those who have incurred upon themselves the wrath of Allah, he is actually educating himself and making himself accustomed to righteousness, loving good and staying away from evil and evil doers. Therefore, Allah, the Exalted says:

"Recite that which has been revealed to you of the Book and perform the Salat, as indeed, the Salat forbids abomination and evil, and certainly the remembrance of Allah is [even] greater, and Allah knows what you do." (29:45).

Thus, the *Salat* enjoins on us to do the right and forbids us to do the wrong. It teaches us to love Allah, and wish good for the people. When the *Musalli* raises his hands in invocation, for example, during the *Salat*, and says: "O our Lord! Forgive me, my parents, and the believers, on the Day of Judgment", he actually, invokes goodness for himself, his parents, and his fellow believers.

The *Salat* purifies the heart from arrogance and pride. When a Muslim bows in his *Ruku*, and prostrates in his *Sujud*, as a sign of his submission to Allah, saying: "*Subhana Rabbiyal-Azimi Wa Bihamdih*" in his *Ruku*, and "*Subhana Rabbiyal-Ala Wa Bihamdih*" in his *Sujud*, he is actually announcing his submission to Allah's greatness.

He is admitting man's weakness before his Creator, renouncing pride and arrogance. He feels himself equal to his other brothers, because he submits and prostrates to Allah as they submit and prostrate to Him, and stands with them in a single row for the *Salat*.

As-Siddiqah, Fatimatuz-Zahra (a.s.), the daughter of the Holy Messenger (a.s.) had explained this point by saying: "He made the *Salat* [a means of] doing away with arrogance".

The *Salat* reforms the individual as well as the society. The love of goodness grows and develops in both, as well as the hatred of evil, injustice, pride and arrogance. It attaches people to Allah, so that they remember Him, do not forget His Name and His Oneness, obey Him in worship and servitude, deny the tyrants and renounce the lost and the wrongdoers. The *Musalli* does feel this when he recites, in his *Salat*, *Suratul-Hamd*:

***"In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. Praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, the Beneficent the Merciful, the Master of the Day of Judgment. You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help. Guide us to the right path, the path of those whom You have favoured, not (the path) of those upon whom Your wrath is brought down, nor of those who have gone astray."* (1: 1-7)**

Similarly, the Messenger of Allah (s) explains the significance of the *Salat*, and renounces those who do not perform it, saying: "The one who belittles his *Salat* will not get my intercession"²

In another narration we read: Allah His Messenger and the believers renounce the one who neglects the *Salat*. The *Hadith* says: "Do not neglect the *Salat* deliberately, because the one who deliberately neglects it, will be renounced by the religion of Islam." Therefore, the Holy Qur'an warns us:

***"So, woe to the Musallis who are unmindful of their Salat..."* (107:4&5)**

It also speaks of those who neglect their *Salat*, of their punishment in Hell, and of the reason for their entering it. It says:

***"What has brought you into Hell?' They said: 'We were not of the Musallis.'"* (74:42&43)**

The Holy Messenger (s) said: "Between *Kufr* [disbelief] and *Iman* [belief] is nothing but the negligence of the *Salat*"³ Hence the importance of the *Salat*, and its greatness in Islam, as it represents the identity of the Muslim, distinguishing him from the disbeliever.

Kinds of the Salat

The *Salat* in Islam is of two kinds:

1. The *Mustahabb Salats*: Such as *Salatul-Layl* [the *Salat* of the night], the *Nafilahs* [supererogatories] of *Salatus-Subh* [morning], *Salatuz-Zuhr* [noon], *Salatul-Asr* [afternoon], *Salatul-Maghrib* [after sunset (evening)] and of *Salatul-Isha* [after evening].

These *Salats* have been very much recommended and made lovable to us by Islam. But they are not incumbent upon us and Allah will not punish us for neglecting them. Yet, they are of the great deeds which bring the believer nearer to Allah, and encourage the returning to Him and to please Him.

2. The *Wajib Salats*: These are the *Salats* which Allah, the Exalted, has enjoined upon every *Mukallaf*. They are the most important *Rukns* [pillars] on which Islam has been built. We had formerly talked about their significant importance. The compulsory *Salats* incumbent upon us are:

- The daily *Salats* (in five times).
- *Salatul-Ayat*.
- *Salatul-Eid*.
- *Salatul-Jumu'ah*.
- *Salatul-Mayyit*.
- *Salatul-Tawaf* (in *Hajj* and the *Umrah*).

Discussion

Q1. Explain the Messenger's (S.A) saying: "Between *Kufr* and *Iman* is nothing but the negligence of the *Salat*".

Q2. Tell which of the following are *Mustahabb Salats* and which are *Wajib Salats*: *Nafilatus-Subh*, *Salatul-Layl*, *Salatul-Ayat*, *Salatul-Mayyit* and *Salatul-Tawaf*.

Q3. Explain the saying of Al-Batul, Fatimatuz-Zahra (a.s.) the daughter of the Messenger of Allah (s): "He made the *Salat* a means of doing away with arrogance."

Q4. The *Salat* forbids the doing of evil and wrong; so, what do you think of the *Salat* of somebody who does not keep away from evil and wrong?

1. Al-Hurrul-Amili's "Wasailush-Shi'ah". Kitabu-Salat, vol. 3, p. 7, 5th ed. And it is narrated with nearly similar wording by Al-Bukhari in his Sahih, Kitabus

Salat, Bab Mawaqitus-Salat Wa Fadliha, vol. 1, p 141.

[2.](#) Al-Hurrul-Amili's "Wasa'ilush-Shi'ah". Kitabu-Salat, vol. 3, p. 29, 5th ed.

[3.](#) Ibid, vol 3, p. 29, 5th ed.

The Daily Salats [Prayers]

Allah, the Exalted, has enjoined upon us that we should perform the *Salat* five times a day as follows:

1. *Salatus-Subh*, consisting of 2 *Rak'ahs*.
2. *Salatuz-Zuhr*, consisting of 4 *Rak'ahs*.
3. *Salatul-Asr*, consisting of 4 *Rak'ahs*.
4. *Salatul-Maghrib*, consisting of 3 *Rak'ahs*.
5. *Salatul-Isha*, consisting of 4 *Rak'ahs*.

Some Conditions of the Validity of the Salat

The *Salat* which we perform must meet certain conditions in order to be correct and acceptable. These conditions are:

1. The body and the clothes of the *Musalli* must be ritually pure and cleansed from any *Najasah*.
2. Making the *Taharah* from the *Hadath* before performing the *Salat*, as it would not be valid without *Taharah*. So, we have to perform the *Wudu* to attain the *Taharah* from *Al-Hadathul-Asghar*, or we have to perform the *Ghusl* to attain the *Taharah* from *Al-Hadathul-Akbar*, such as the Hayd or the *Janabah*, if needed.
3. The ground on which we place our forehead for the *Sujud* must be *Tahir*[1](#). So, in order that our *Salat* be correct, we must prostrate on a *Tahir* place, such as a *Tahir* ground, a *Tahir* mat made of straw, and the like.
4. The spot on which we perform the *Salat* must be *Mubah* (permissible), as to perform it on a usurped land makes it *Batil*.[2](#)
5. We know that stealing and usurping the properties of the people is *Haram*, according to the Islamic teachings. So, if somebody has usurped or stolen a dress, or if he has usurped some money or stolen it and bought with it a dress, his *Salat*, in that dress, would be incorrect and *Batil*.[3](#)

6. The *Qiblah*. In a correct *Salat* we must stand facing *Al-Baytul Haram*, the *Qiblah* [in Mecca]. All *Salats* are to be performed, while facing the *Qiblah*:

7. Covering the private parts.

8. The men are not allowed to wear a natural silk⁴ dress during the *Salat*, nor are they allowed to wear anything made of gold. As to the women, they are allowed to wear both natural silk and gold jewellery.

A Woman's Dress in the Salat

The dress of a woman in the *Salat* must cover her body, head, hair and neck, with the exception of her face, hands and feet.⁵

Discussion

Q1. How many *Rak'ahs* are *Salatus-Subh* and *Salatul-Asr*?

Q2. If a woman performed her *Salat* bare-headed, would her *Salat* be correct or *Batil*?

Q3. Fill in the blank: In all our *Salats* we must stand facing the....

Q4. Count briefly, the conditions for the correct *Salat*.

^{1.} The four sects say that the place for the *Salat* must be *Tahir* from the *Najasah*. The *Shafi'is*, say that everything which touches the body or the dress of the *Musalli* must be *Tahir*. The *Hanafis* say that only the places of the feet and the forehead must be *Tahir*.

^{2.} The four sects say that the *Salat* on a usurped place is correct but the *Musalli* would be committing a sin.

^{3.} The four sects say that the *Salat* would be correct.

^{4.} The *Shafi'is* say that if the *Musalli* wore a pure silk dress or performed the *Salat* on it, his *Salat* would be correct, but he would be committing a sin.

^{5.} The *Hanafis* say: A woman has to cover the outer part of her hands and the sole of her feet. The *Shafi'is* and the *Malikis* say, a woman is allowed to uncover her face, her hands and feet during her *Salat*. The *Hanbalis* say: She is allowed only to uncover her face.

The Wajib Acts of the Salat

The *Salat*, which is incumbent upon us, consists of some *Wajib* acts which we are to perform in the *Salat*, as it would not be valid without them. These *Wajibs* are: ¹

1. *An-Niyyah* (Intention]: The meaning of the *Niyyah* is the intention to do something. For example before performing our *Salat* we must first make the intention to do so, so we say; "I perform the *Salat* for

the pleasure of Allah, the Exalted." When we want to perform *Salatus-Subh*, for example, we are to make our *Niyyah* like this: "*Usalli Salatus-Subh Qurbatan Ila Llahi Ta Ala*". In this way we make the *Niyyah* for the *Salat* whenever we want to perform the *Salat*.

2. *Takbiratul-Ihram*: The second *Wajib* in *Salat* is *Takbiratul-Ihram*, which comes after the *Niyyah*. It means to say "*Allahu-Akbar*", with which the *Salat* is commenced, That is we are no longer allowed to talk, laugh, eat, drink, or turn to the sides, and the like. Because doing any of these acts would render the *Salat Batil*.

3. *Al-Qiyam* [standing]: The *Salat* is to be performed in standing position. But if a person could not stand because of some illness, for example, he may perform the *Salat* sitting. If he could not do it sitting, he may do it lying on his right side. If he could not lay on his right side, he may do it while lying on his left side. If he still could not do it in this position, he may do it lying on his back. If he still could not perform it in this position, he could make a signal or gesture. And if he couldn't, he may do it by heart. In all positions one has to keep facing the *Qiblah*.

N. B. During the *Qiyam*, the *Musalli* is to let his arms along his sides, on his thighs.

4. *Al-Qira'ah* and *Adh-Dhikr*. [Reciting and Glorifying]:² It is *Wajib* to recite *Suratul-Fatihah*, which is also called "*AlHamd*", and another *Surah* of the Qur'an in the first and the second *Rak'ahs*. As to the third and fourth *Rak'ahs*, we may choose either to recite *Suratul-Fatihah* or to say the *Dhikr*, i.e. "*Subhana Llahi Wal-Hamdu Li-Llahi Wa La Ilaha Illa-Llahu Akbar*", once, though three times is preferred.

5. *Ar-Ruku* [Genuflection]: It is *Wajib* in each *Rak'ah*. The *Ruku* is to bow down in submission to Allah, the Exalted. In this bowing position we are to place the palms of the two hands on the two knees.³ While in the *Ruku* a *Dhikr*⁴ is to be recited, such as: "*Subhana Rabbi-Yal-Azimi Wa Bi-Hamdih*".

6. *As-Sujud*⁵ (Prostration): In each *Rak'ah* two *Sujuds* are *Wajib*. How to Perform the *Sujud*:

The *Musalli* is to place his forehead, two palms, two knees and two toes⁶, on the ground, and then he is to say: "*Subhana Rabbiyal-Ala Wa Bi-Hamdih*" or to say: "*Subhana-Llah*" three times. Then he sits still⁷ for a moment, then repeats the *Sujud* and the *Dhikr* as before, then sits once again.

7. *At-Tashahhud*⁸: The *Tashahhud* is *Wajib* in the *Salat*, and is to be performed once in the 2-rak'ah *Salats*, such as *Salatus-Subh*, after the second *Rak'ah*. As to the other *Salats* of the *Zuhr*, the *Asr*, the *Maghrib* and the *Isha*, the *Tashahhud* is to be done twice, the first after the second *Rak'ah*, and the second after the last *Sujud* of the *Salat*. The Text of the *Tashahhud*:

"*Ashhadu An La Ilaha Illa-Llah, Wahdahu La Sharika Lah, Wa Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Abduhu Wa Rasuluh. Allahumma Salli Ala Muhammadin Wa Alee Muhammad.*" The meaning is: "I testify that there is no God but Allah, and I testify that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. O Allah! send your blessings upon Muhammad and his Progeny (descendants)."⁹

8. *At-Taslim*¹⁰: It is the last part of the *Salat*, and its text is: "*As-Salamu Alayna Wa Ala Ibadillahis Salihin*" and "*As-Salamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatu-Llahi Wa Barakatuh*". It is preferred, however, to say first. "*As-Salamu Alayka Ayyuhan-Nabiyyu Wa Rahmatu-Llahi Wa Barakatuh*", then you recite the former first and second texts. By this *Taslim*, the *Salat* is completed.

9. *At-Tartib* [Sequence]: It means performance of the acts of the *Salat* in succession, one by one.

10. *Al-Muwalat* [Continuity]: It means continuing the performance of the acts of the *Salat* without a breach that may affect the form of the *Salat*. That is, after *Takbiratullhram* we immediately recite *Suratul-Fatihah*, and when it is finished we read the *Surah* without any lapse of time, and so on.

The Qunut

The Qunut¹¹:

It is an invocation expressing submission to Allah. It is *Mustahabb* in all the daily *Salats*, as well as in the *Nafilahs*. It is done after the recitation of the second *Rak'ah*, before bowing in the *Ruku*. It is to our option to choose any *Du'a* [invocation or prayer] to recite it in the *Qunut*. The best of these prayers are those extracted from the Qur'an, such as: "*Rabbana Atina Fid-Dunya Hasanatan Wa Fil-Akhirati Hasanah Wa Qina Adhaban-Nar.*"

"Our Lord! give us good in this world and good in the Hereafter, and save us from the torment of the Fire" (2:201)

During the *Qunut*, we raise our hands with the palms in front of our faces.

Discussion

Q1. Write T for the True statement, and F for the false one.

- a. It is *Wajib* to do two *Sajdahs* in each *Rak'ah*.
- b. During the *Qiyam*, the *Musalli* places his arms on his thighs.

Q2. If one performs the *Salat* out of hypocrisy, will his *Salat* be valid or *Batil* and need to be repeated?

Q3. Is observing the *Tartib* of the parts of the *Salat* *Wajib*?

Q4. What does the *Muwalat* mean? Explain it to your fellow-students.

Q5. Tell which of the following parts of the *Salat* is *Wajib*; *Al-Qunut*, *At-Tashahhud*, *At-Taslim*.

¹. Except *Salatul-Mayyit* which is different from the other *Salats*.

². The Hanafis say: "The *Musalli* is allowed to recite in the third and fourth *Rak'ahs* a *Surah* of the Qur'an, or to do the *Dhikr* instead. The other three sects say that to recite *Suratul-Fatihah* in every *Rak'ah* is *Wajib*. (Look up *Al-Fiqh AlalMadhahibil-*

Khamsah" by Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah).

[3.](#) The Hanafis say: The Wajib is just to bow, disregarding how, and the Tuma'ninah [quietude] in the Salat is not Wajib.

[4.](#) The Shafi'is, the Hanafis and the Malikis say that the Dhikr is not Wajib during the Ruku.

[5.](#) All sects unanimously agree that the Sujud is allowed to be done on the ground or on whatever grows on it, which is neither eaten nor worn. But the Imami Shi'ahs do not allow the Sujud on other than the earth, and say that to do it on the earth is preferred to anything else.

[6.](#) The Malikis, the Shafi'is and the Hanafis say: It is Wajib to do the Sujud on the forehead, while to do it on other parts of the head is Mustahabb.

[7.](#) The Hanafis say that it is not Wajib to sit between the two Sujuds .

[8.](#) The Imamis and the Hanbalis say that the first Tashahhud is Wajib. The other sects say that it is Mustahabb, not Wajib. As to the last Tashahhud, the Shafi'is, the Hanbalis and the Imamis say that it is Wajib, while the Malikis and the Hanafis say that it is Mustahabb not Wajib (Look "Bidayatul-Mujtahid", quoted from "Al-Fiqh Alal-Madhabibil-Khamsah" by M.J. Maghniyyah).

[9.](#) There are Mustahabb forms for the Tashahhud, such as: "Bismillahi Wal Hamdu LiLlah, Wa Khayrul-Asma'i Li-Llah Ashhadu An La Ilaha Illa-Llah Wahdahu, La Sharika Lah, Wa Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Abduhu Wa Rasuluh Arsalahu Bilhaqqi Bashiran Wa Nadhiran Bayna Yadayi-Assa'ah. Ashhadu Annaka Ni'mar-Rabb, Wa Anna Muhammadan Ni'mar-Rasul. At-Tahiyatu Li-Llah Wa Salawatut-Tahiratuz-Zakiyatul-Ghadiyahur-Raihatus-Sabighatun-Na'imat Ma Taba Wa Zaka Wa Tahura Wa Khalusa Wa Safa. Ashhadu An La Ilaha Illa-Llahu Wahdahu La Sharika Lah, Wa Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Abduhu Wa Rasuluh Arsalahu Bilhaqqi Bashiran Wa Nadhira. Allahumma Salli Ala Muhammadin Wa Ali Muhammad Kama Sallayta Wa Barakta Wa Tarahhamta Ala Ibrahim Wa Ali Ibrahim Innaka Hamidun Majid. "(Look up "Al-Urwatul-Wuthqa" by the late Sayyid Muhammad Kaim Al-Yazdi, a Shi'a authority. Other great Faqihs also confirmed that in their comments on the book. The important thing in the Tashahhud is the two testimonies and sending the blessings on Muhammad (s) and his Progeny (descendants). The shorter Tashahhud has formerly been mentioned. The Imamis say that it is Wajib to say "Allahumma Salli Ala Muhammadin Wa Alee Muhammad" after the Tashahhud. But the opinion of Ash-Shafi'i goes to say that it is Wajib after the second Tashahhud, and that the Salat of the one who does not repeat it will not be accepted. In a footnote in the "Ar-Rawadatun-Nadiyyah" it is said: "This is the truth. Allah, the Exalted, enjoined on us to send blessings on the Prophet, when He said;" "O you who believe! Ask blessings on him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation." (Suratul-Ahzab: 56). His Companions asked him how to send blessings on him. He taught them what to say, though there are different versions. However, they understood that the sending of the blessings should be after the Tashahhud, as the Messenger had ordered them. They have continued to follow the Prophet's (s) wishes and thus it has reached us by the Fiqhi succession. In a noble Hadith it is said: "... and no Salat is acceptable from the one who does not send Salat (blessings) on the Prophet". This is stated by At-Tirmidhi in his "Sahih" book 45, chapter 64, and by Ibn Majah in his "Sunan", book 1, chapter 41. Malik in his "Al-Muwatta" book 13, ch. 41-56, mentions the sending of blessings on the Prophet (s) in the Salat and recommends it.

[10.](#) The Shafi'is, the Malikis, the Hanbalis and most of the Imami Shi'ahs say that the Taslim is Wajib, while the Hanafis say that it is not Wajib.

[11.](#) The Shafi'is and the Malikis say that the Qunut is Mustahabb in the morning Salat, while the Hanafis and the Hanbalis say that it is Mustahabb in the odd Salat).

Al-Jahr and Al-Ikhfat in Prayers

Al-Jahr and Al-Ikhfat¹ in prayers

Al-Jahr is to recite in an audible voice. *Al-Ikhfat* is to recite softly in an inaudible voice. As a Muslim

student, you have known that to recite *SutratulFatihah* in the *Salat* is *Wajib* as well as to recite another *Surah*, too, such as *Suratut-Tawhid*, in the first and second *Rak'ahs*. Men are to recite these *Surahs*, in some *Salats* audibly and in some others inaudibly (softly), as detailed below:

1. In the *Salats* of *Subh*, *Maghrib* and *Isha* it is *Wajib* on the men to recite the *Surahs*, in the first and second *Rak'ahs*, audibly. As for women, they have the option to either recite inaudibly or audibly provided they are not heard by men. If men are able to hear their voice, they must recite inaudibly.
2. The recitation in *Salatuz-Zuhr* and *Salatul-Asr* is to be inaudible by both men and women.
3. The recitation of *Al-Fatihah*" or the "*Dhikr*" in the third and fourth *Rak'ahs* of all the four *Salats*; *Az-Zuhr*, *Al-Asr*, *Al-Maghrib*, and *Al-Isha* is to be inaudible.
4. If he recites audibly; where he has to recite inaudibly (softly), or he recites inaudibly where he should recite audibly, on purpose, his *Salat* will be invalid.
5. If the *Musalli* recites audibly, where he should recite inaudibly, or he recites inaudibly, where he should recite audibly, because of forgetfulness, or ignorance of the *Shar'i* (religious) verdict, his *Salat* would be correct. But the *Musalli* who is ignorant of the *Shar'i* verdict, and is advertent but purposely neglecting to inquire about it, repeat his *Salat* as a precautionary act.

Discussion

Q1. What is *Al-Jahr*?

Q2. Mark the correct statement with the sign ✓ and the incorrect with X.

- a. Audibility is *Wajib* for the men in *Salatuz-Zuhr*.
- b. Audibility is *Wajib* for the women in *Salatul-Maghrib*.
- c. Inaudibility is *Wajib* for the men and women in *Salatul-Asr*.
- d. The men are to be audible in the *Salats* of *Isha* and *Subh*.

1. Concerning *Al-Jahr* and *Al-Ikhfat*, the opinion said in the book is agreed upon by the Shafi'is and the Shi'ah. The Hanafis say that the *Musalli* has the option to recite either audibly or inaudibly. The Hanbalis say that it is *Mustahabb* to recite audibly in the first and second *Rak'ahs* of the *Subh*, *Maghrib* and *Isha*. The author of "*Rahmatul-Ummah*" states: "They [the different sects] agree that it is *Sunnah* [optional] to recite parts of the *Salat* audibly or inaudibly where permissible.

Ash-Shakk in the Salat [Doubt in the Prayer]

A *Musalli* may doubt the number of *Rak'ahs* he has already performed, while still in the *Salat*. That is, he may doubt whether he has performed one or two *Rak'ahs*, three or four *Rak'ahs*, etc. Certain cases of *Shakk*¹ [doubt] in the *Salat* can be corrected, allowing the *Musalli* to continue his *Salat* and regard it to be valid, then to perform *Salatul-Ihtiyat*², after finishing the original *Salat*.

In this way he can correct the *Shakk*, provided that he has not done any of the acts which invalidate the *Salat*. There are irremediable doubts which invalidate the *Salat* and thus must be repeated. Hereunder we are expounding the most important cases, and how to make remedial measures where it is possible:

1. If the *Musalli* doubted (had *Shakk*) between the first and the second *Rak'ahs* in the 4 *Rak'ah* *Salat*, his *Salat* would be invalid, and he must repeat it.
2. If he doubted in the number of the *Rak'ahs* of *Salatus-Subh* and *Salatul-Maghrib* in any position of the *Salat*, his *Salat* would be invalid, and he must repeat it.
3. The *Shakk* between performing two and three *Rak'ahs*: If the *Shakk* occurred after the second *Sajdah* it could be corrected. But if it occurred before finishing the second *Sajdah*, the *Salat* would be *Batil*. In the first case, it is to be regarded as the third *Rak'ah* and one is to perform the fourth, the *Tashahhud* and *Taslim*, then one is to perform *Salatul-Ihtiyat*: one *Rak'ah* in standing position, or two *Rak'ahs* in sitting position.
4. The *Shakk* between the second and the fourth, after reciting the *Dhikr* of the last *Sajdah*: In this case one is to regard it as the fourth, and finish the *Salat*. Then one is to perform *Salatul-Ihtiyat*, which is the same as *Salatul-Subh* with reciting only *Sutratul-Fatihah*.
5. The *Shakk* between the third and the fourth. This *Shakk* can be corrected in any position of the *Salat*: in the *Ruku*, the *Sujud*, the *Qiyam*, etc. Correction of the *Shakk* is done by regarding it as the fourth *Rak'ah*, finishing the *Salat*, then performing *Salatul-Ihtiyat*, which is one *Rak'ah* in the standing position, or two *Rak'ahs* in the sitting position.
6. *Shakk* between the fourth and the fifth, after the *Dhikr* of the last *Sajdah*: In this case one is to regard it as the fourth, finish the *Salat*, then perform the two *Sajdahs* of *Sahw*, with no need for *Salatul-Ihtiyat*.
7. The *Shakk* between the fourth and the fifth, during the *Qiyam* position: One is to return to the sitting position, regarding the doubted *Rak'ah* as the fourth, and finish the *Salat*, then perform *Salatul-Ihtiyat*; one *Rak'ah* standing, or two *Rak'ahs* sitting.

Salatul-Ihtiyat

It consists of:

1. The *Niyyah*: (*Usalli Salat-ul-Ihtiyat Qurbatan Ila-Llahi Ta'ala*) [I perform *Salatul-Ihtiyat* to please Almighty Allah].
2. *Takbiratul-Ihram*
3. Reciting *Suratul-Fatihah*³ only, without reciting any other *Surah*.
4. *Ruku*.
5. *Qiyam* (if done in the *Qiyam* position).
6. *Sujud*.
7. *Tashahhud*.
8. *Taslim*.

In *Salatul-Ihtiyat* all the usual conditions required for any obligatory *Salat*, such as *Taharah*, orientation to the *Qiblah*, etc. are to be observed.

Discussion

Q1. Correct that which is incorrect in the following statements:

- a. Every *Shakk* in the *Salat* can be remedied by *Salatul-Ihtiyat* after the end of the *Salat*.
- b. It is not allowed to stop a 4 *Rak'ah* *Salat* and repeat it, if the *Shakk* was between the first and the second.
- c. If the *Shakk* was between the fourth and the fifth *Rak'ahs*, in the *Qiyam* position, the *Musalli* must return to the sitting position, consider it to be the fourth and finish his *Salat*.

Q2. What would you do if you doubted between the third and the fourth *Rak'ahs* of your *Salattul-Isha*, before finishing the second *Sajdah*?

Q3. Hearing a friend of yours saying that *Salatul-Ihtiyat* is two *Rak'ahs* in all cases, would you confirm him or not?

¹ The Shafi'is, the Malikis and the Hanbalis say: "If one doubts the number of the *Rak'ahs* knowing not how many *Rak'ahs* one has performed, one is to consider it to be the least and complete it." The Hanafis say: "If it was his first *Shakk* in his life, he must repeat his *Salat* from the beginning. If it was not his first *Shakk*, he must think and ponder, and then act according to his most probable guess. If the *Shakk* is still there, he is to consider it to be the least, taking it as a matter of fact.

2. *Salatul-Ihtiyat*: This *Salat* is to be demonstrated by the teacher to the students so that they may learn it. It is either one *Rak'ah* in the *Qiyam* position or two *Rak'ahs* in the *sining* position, or two *Rak'ahs* in the *Qiyam* position and two *Rak'ahs* in the *sining* position.
3. As a precaution, this *Surah* is to be recited in *Ikhtafat*.

Sajdatas-Sahw [Two Sajdahs of Sahw]

1. If the *Musalli* talked during his *Salat*, or performed the *Taslim* not in its proper place, or performed four or five *Rak'ahs*, because of his forgetfulness, his *Salat* would be valid, and he would have to perform two *Sajdahs* of *Sahw* after finishing his *Salat*.
2. If the *Musalli* did only one *Sajdah* and forgot to do the second one, or he forgot to do the *Tashahhud*, and he remembered this only when there was no place for doing it, he should continue his *Salat*, as it is correct, but he must perform the lapsed part, after finishing his *Salat*, and then he has to perform the two *Sajdahs* of *Sahw*.

How to perform *Sajdatas-Sahw*: 1

1. For the *Sahw* [forgetting] there are two *Sajdahs* to be performed immediately after finishing the *Salat*.
2. The *Niyyah* for these *Sajdahs* is *Wajib*, but there is no need for *Takbiratul-Ihram*.
3. In the *Sujud* we say: "*Bismi-Llahi Wa Bi-Llah. As-Salamu Alayka Ayyuhan-Nabiyyu Wa Ramatu-Lahi Wa Barakatuh.*"
4. After the two *Sajdahs* we recite the *Tashahhud*.
5. After the *Tashahhud* we recite the *Taslim*.

Discussion

Q1. Mark the correct statement with the sign ✓ and the incorrect with X.

- a. The *Salat* would not be *Batil* if one intentionally recited *SuratulHamd* twice.
- b. Whoever forgot the *Tashahhud*, must recite it after finishing the *Salat*, then he must do the *Sajdahs* of *Sahw*.

Q2. Explain briefly how to perform *Sajdatas-Sahw*.

Q3. Must we face the *Qiblah* in performing the two *Sajdahs* of *Sahw*?

1. The Hanafis say: "The form of Sajdatus-Sahw is to prostrate twice, do the Tashahhud then the Taslim, then to send blessings on the Prophet (s) and to invoke Allah. It is to be done after the Taslim [of the Salat], if there was time to do it. But if the time of the Salat passed by and he did not do it, he would be exempted from such Sujud. The Malikis say: "The form of Sajdatus-Sahw is: Two Sajdahs, then a Tashahudd, without invoking Allah or sending blessings on the Prophet (s). But if it was only for a decrease, or for both a decrease and an increase, it is to be done before the Taslim. If it is for only an increase it must be done after the Taslim. The Hanbalis say: It is allowed to do the Sujud of Sahw before and after the Taslim. The Shafi'is say: "Sujudus-Sahw is to be done after the Tashahhud, before the Taslim."

Salatul-Qada [The Lapsed Due Salat]

1. Allah, the exalted, ordered us to perform the *Salats* at their assigned times. We are not allowed to be careless about the *Salat* nor to neglect it. But sometimes it happens that a Muslim *Mukallaf* might be taken over by sleep and would not wake up until after the assigned time for the *Salat*. Or he might forget performing his *Salat* for one reason or another, and would remember it only after the lapse of its time. In such cases he must to perform *Salatul-Qada*, that is, the lapsed *Salat*, in lieu of the original one.
2. If a Muslim, by ignorance, neglected to perform his *Wajib Salat* i.e. did not know that it is *Wajib*, it would be incumbent on him to perform *Salatul-Qada*.
3. If a Muslim, deliberately, neglected to perform his *Wajib Salats*, he must repent to Allah, ask His forgiveness and perform all the lapsed (missed) *Salats* which he deliberately neglected.
4. Women are not required to perform the lapsed (due-) *Salats* which they did not perform during their *Hayd* [monthly periods] or during *Nifas* [after childbirth].
5. The insane and the one who is in a swoon (a fainting spell)¹ are not required to perform the *Qada Salats*, if the insanity and the fainting continued during the whole period of the *Salat*.
6. If an original *Kafir*, such as an idolater or a *Kitabi*, adopted Islam, he is not required to perform the *Wajib Salats* and *Sawm* which he did not perform before adopting Islam.

Discussion

Q1. Count three cases in which a *Mukallaf* would have to perform what had lapsed of his *Salats*.

Q2. Answer with "Yes" or "No":

- a. An insane does not have to perform *Salatul-Qada*.
- b. Women are not to perform what had lapsed of their *Salats* during their *Hayd* and *Nifas*.
- c. An original *Kafir* must perform the *Salats* which he did not perform during the period of his disbelief.

[1](#). The Hanalis say that the Salats of the fainted and the insane are dropped in case the moods continued for more than five Salats. But if they continued for only five Salats or less, they must do the Qada Salats. The Malikis say: "The insane and those who have fainted are to do the Qada." The Hanbalis say: "Those who have fainted have to do the Qada, other than the insane."

Salatul-Jama'ah [Congregational Salat]

Salatul-Jama'h[1](#)

It is narrated that the Messenger of Allah (s) said: "Whoever has performed his five *Salats* in *Jama'ah*, think good of him." The first congregational *Salat* performed by the Messenger of Allah (s) was in the Holy Mecca, with Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) in *AlMasjidul-Haram*. When his uncle, Abo Talib, saw him, he said to his son. Ja'far: "My son, join the wing of your cousin", that is, join him on the other side, beside Ali (a.s.), behind the Prophet (s).

Hence, the Messenger of Allah (s) performed his first congregational *Salat* with the *Imam* Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) and Ja'far Ibn Abi Talib. *Salatul-Jama'ah* is *Mustahabb*[2](#) is all five *Salats*[3](#). It is preferred to the individual *Salat*, and its reward is greater with Allah, the Glorified.

Congregational *Salat* teaches us how to unite with our brothers, the *Musallis*, and makes us feel that we are all equal brothers, standing in rows of *Musallis*, worshipping Allah and invoking Him. That was why the Messenger of Allah (s) ordered the *Musallis* to perform *SalatulJama'ah*.

Rules of the Congregational Salat

There are certain conditions and regulations related to *SalatulJama'ah*, which we must learn. Some of these rules are as follows:

1. The *Imam* [the leader of the *Salat*] is to be sane, of full age, and of legitimate birth, as it is not allowed to perform the *Salat* behind a boy, an insane person, or somebody of illegitimate birth.
2. The *Imam* must recite correctly and perform the *Salat* well.
3. He must be a God-fearing believer, as it is not allowed to follow a corrupt leader in the *Salat*.
4. The place of the *Imam* must not be higher than the place on which the *Ma'mums* [the *Musallis* standing behind the *Imam* to perform the *Salat*], unless the difference in height is slight, not more than commonly allowed, so that the people would not think him too lofty above them.
5. It is the *Imam* of the *Jama'ah* who recites the *Fatihah* and the other *Surah* in the first and the second

Rak'ahs, while the *Ma'mums* recite nothing, but they just listen.

6. There must be no divider between the *Imam* and the *Ma'mums*,⁴ such as a wall, or even a vacant space, and the like. It is allowed, however, to hang a curtain between the men and the women *Musallis*.

7. The *Musallis* are to imitate the *Imam* in the acts of *Salat*, such as the *Ruku*, the *Sujud*, *Takbiratul-Ihram*, etc. and are not to precede him in doing them.

8. Masculinity: That is, the men are allowed to perform the *Salat* only behind a male *Imam*. As to the women they may choose to follow a male or a female⁵ *Imam*.

9. The women are to stand behind the men in *Salatul-Jama'ah*.

10. The least number of people who may form a *Salatul-Jama'ah* is two persons, the *Imam* and a follower. (*Ma'mum*)

Discussion

Q1. Write T for the true statement and F for the false one.

- a. A woman may follow another woman in *Salatul-Jama'ah*.
- b. It is allowed to follow a boy as the *Imam* in *Salatul-Jama'ah*.
- c. *Salatul-Jama'ah* is correct if there was a partition between the *Imam* and the *Musallis*.
- d. D. To perform *Salatul-Jama'ah* behind a corrupt *Imam* is allowed.

¹. Brother teachers are requested to practically perform *Salatul Jama'ah* at school so that the students may grow accustomed to it.

². The Hanbalis say that *Salatul Jama'ah* is an individual *Wajib* required of every person capable of performing it. But if one performed the *Salat* individually, it would be valid, though one would be considered a sinner.

³. Except *Salatul Jumu'ah* and *Salatul Eid*, which must be performed congregationally, in case their other conditions allowed.

⁴. The Shafi'is say: "Between the *Imam* and the *Ma'mum* there may be a distance of more than 300 cubits (a cubit = 45-56cms.), provided that there is no barrier." The Hanafis say: "If a person in his house followed, in his *Salat*, the *Imam* of the *Jama'ah* in the mosque, his *Salat* would be valid, if his house was next to the mosque with only a wall in between, provided that he could make no mistake about the *Imam's* postures. If the house, however, was separated from the mosque by a road or a river, one is not to follow the *Imam* as *Mu'mum*." The Malikis say: "The difference of place would not prevent the legality of following the *Imam*, if the *Ma'mum* was sure of his imitation of the *Imam's* acts of the *Salat*."

⁵. The Malikis say that a woman is not to be an *Imam*, even for a woman *Ma'mum*.

How to Join Salat-ul-Jama'ah

1. If someone could not be present at the start of *Salatul-Jama'ah*, he may join it at any *Rak'ah* he please, and he would still get its reward. The condition for joining the *Salat* is that; it should be before the *Imam* finished a *Ruku*, as he is to catch him in *Ruku*, so that it can be counted a *Rak'ah* for him.
2. If the *Musalli* joined the *Jama'ah* in the third *Rak'ah* of *SalatuzZuhr*, for example, he would perform with them the third and the fourth *Rak'ahs*, though, for him, these two *Rak'ahs* would be his first¹ and second. So, he would have to recite *Al-Fatihah* and a *Surah* in both of them. If there was not enough time, he is to recite only *Al-Fatihah*, and, when the *Jama'ah Musallis* finish their fourth *Rak'ah*, he is to continue to perform his third and fourth *Rak'ahs* individually.
3. If the person who wants to join the *Jama'ah* knows that there is not enough time to allow the recitation of *Al-Fatihah*, it is preferred to wait until the *Jama'ah Musallis* enter the *Ruku*, then he would make his *Niyyah Takbiratul-Ihram*, and go to the *Ruku* with them.
4. If the *Musalli* joined the *Jama'ah* without knowing which *Rak'ah* was being performed by the *Jama'ah*, the second or the third, for example, he would have to recite *Al-Fatihah* and another *Surah*, if time was enough for both. Otherwise, recitation of *Suratul-Fatihah* alone would be satisfactory.

Discussion

Q1. If you entered a mosque and saw the *Musallis* in the *Sujud* position, would it be correct if you joined them in the *Sujud*, or not?

Q2. If the *Musalli* joined the *Jama'ah Musallis* in their fourth *Rak'ah*, what should he do when they have finished this *Rak'ah*?

Q3. If you joined the *Jama'ah Musallis* in their second *Rak'ah*, which they finished by the *Tashahhud*, would you follow them in that, or not? Why?

¹. The Hanafis, the Malikis and the Hanbalis say that the part of the Salat which the *Musalli* joins the *Jama'ah* is regarded to be the end of his Salat, so, if he caught them at the last *Rak'ah* of *Salatul-Maghrib*, he would also regard it to be the last *Rak'ah* of his Salat, then he would perform a *Rak'ah*, in which he recites *Al-Fatihah* a *Surah*, and the *Tashahhud*, then another *Rak'ah* in which he recites *Al-Fatihah* and a *Surah*. The Shafi'is and the Imamis say: The part in which the *Musalli* joins with the *Imam* is regarded as the beginning of his Salat, not its end.

Salatul-Musafir [Traveller's prayer Salat-ul-Qasr]

By the grace of Allah and His mercy He made the duties and the *Wajibs* easy and feasible. An example of this feasibility in enjoining the worshipping duties, is the reducing the *Salats* of the traveller from the 4 *Rak'ah Salats* to 2 *Rak'ah Salats*. (The *Salats* of *Az-Zuhr*, *Al-Asr* and *Al-Isha*).^{[1](#)}

Conditions of Salat-ul-Qasr [Reduced Salat]

There are some conditions prescribed by the Islamic *Shari'ah* for the "reduced" *Salat* of the traveller. All these conditions should exist, otherwise the *Salats* would remain in their *Tamam* [complete] form, not *Qasr*. These conditions are:

1. Distance: The first conditions for the *Salat* to be reduced is that the total distance which a traveller is to cover must not be less than eight *Farsakhs*, four for going and four for the return^{[2](#)}, (nearly 45 km).
2. From the beginning, the traveller's intention must be fixed on covering that distance in his journey, and his intention is to remain so, until he has covered it. If he did not have the intention of travelling that distance from the beginning of his journey, he would have to do the *Tamam Salat*, even if he had covered that very distance later on in his journey.
3. The travelling must be for a legitimate purpose.^{[3](#)} If it was for some illegitimate purpose, such as, if he travelled to do wrong, or to assist a wrongdoer, he must do the *Tamam Salat*.
4. From the beginning the traveller must not have the intention of staying^{[4](#)} 10 days in the place to which he is travelling, nor have any doubt about his stay. If the traveller covers the whole (required) distance by joining together the two distances; that is four *Farsakhs* for going and four *Farsakhs* for return. Otherwise, if his intention was, from the beginning, to cover eight *Farsakhs*, the intention for 10 day stay and hesitation in staying would not affect the travel state, since he has not actually realised the 10 day stay.
5. He must not, at the start, have the intention of passing through his homeland or his place of residence, nor should he have any doubt about it.

Rules of the Traveller's Stay [Iqamatul-Musafir]

1. If a person intended to stay 10 days or more, in the place to which he has travelled, he would have to perform *Tamam Salats*, as he would not be allowed to reduce them to the *Qasr* form.
2. If a person stayed in a place for 30 days without having the intention of staying, he may perform the reduced *Salat (Qasr)* up to 30 days, he should perform the *Tamam* (complete) *Salat*. And he would not

be allowed to perform the *Qasr* the *Salat*.

3. A person whose profession is to travel all the time, such as a peddler, a driver, a sailor, or one who carries his house with him, such as the nomads, must perform the *Tamam Salat*.

4. The traveller is allowed to turn to the *Qasr Salat* only after reaching the limit of *Tarakhhkus* i.e. after covering a distance at which the houses and the obvious signs of the town disappear.

Discussion

Q1. Does the *Musalli* perform the *Qasr Salat* in the following cases? Why?

- a. Someone who travelled 20 km, then stopped his journey.
- b. A hunter who covered 40 km in chasing the game.
- c. Someone who travelled 30 km in order to transgress someone else.

Q2. Someone who decided to stay for 10 days in the place to which he travelled. Should he perform the *Tamam* or the *Qasr Salat*?

Q3. If a shepherd took his herd for a distance of 45 km, how should he perform his *Salat*? *Tamam* or *Qasr*?

Q4. A traveller who stayed in a place for 32 days without intending to stay so long. How should he perform his *Salat*?

1. The *Qasr Salat* during travel is *Wajib*, according to the *Shi'ah* and the *Hanbalis*. The *Shafi'is* say that the *Qasr Salat* is preferred to the *Tamam*, while other sects say that it is allowed. The majority say that the *Qasr Salat* is *Wajib*.
2. According to the *Hanafis* it is 24 *Farsakhs* going, and to the *Hanbalis*, the *Malikis* and the *Shafi'is* it is 16 *Farsakhs* for going only.
3. The *Hanafis* do not accept the condition of a legitimate travel and say the *Qasr Salat* is *Wajib* in all cases, though the travel itself is *Haram*.
4. It is 15 days according to the *Hanafis* and 4 days to the *Malikis* and the *Shafi'is*. Or, according to the *Hanbalis* a period within which he will have to perform more than 20 *Salats* (*Al-Fiqha Alal-Madhahibil-Khamsah*).

Salatul-Jumu'ah [Friday Salat]

Allah, the Exalted, says:

"O you who believe! when it is called to Salat on Friday hasten to remembrance of Allah and leave off trading; that is better for you if you know." (Suratul-Jumuu'ah/9).

Friday *Salat* is one of the most important *Wajib* worshipping acts in Islam, and it is one of its greatest rites. This *Salat* was ordained on the first week after the arrival of the Messenger of Allah (s) in the Luminous Al-Madinah.

After four days of his stay, he ordered the Muslims to congregate in the valley of Quba, where he delivered the two sermons of the *Jumu'ah*, then he performed *Salatul-Jumu'ah* followed by the Muslims. That was the first *Salatul-Jumu'ah* in Islam.

Salatul-Jumu'ah enhances worshipping, social, political, and educational objectives. It is a weekly meeting attended by the Muslims to listen to the *Khutbahs* [sermons] of the *Jumu'ah* and to their contents of directives, precepts and news. In these congregations people meet together, know and help one another.

That is why the Qur'an encourages and orders us to go to the *Salat*, leaving everything related to trade, work, and business, so as to remember Allah, feel fear of Him and love for Him and grow accustomed to meeting Muslims and to act collectively.

Salatul-Jumu'ah is a discipline and order. It is a defined act aiming at educating, teaching and instructing the Muslims, through directives and guidance, as well as giving them social and political information. About the importance of this *Salat* the Messenger of Allah (s) says: "No foot has walked to the *Jumu'ah* unless Allah forbade its body to be burned in the Fire".¹

[To be memorized]

The Messenger of Allah (s) ordered us in one of his sayings to listen to the two sermons of the *Jumu'ah*. He is quoted to have said: "Whoever drives in the *Jumu'ah* will have no *Jumu'ah* reward"²

[To be memorized]

Consequently, one of the precepts of the *Jumu'ah* is that it is *Wajib* to listen to the two *Khutbahs*, to realize their benefits, so that they may be to the Muslims' advantage.

How to Perform Salatul-Jumu'ah

Salatul-Jumu'ah consists of two *Rak'ahs*, like the morning *Salat*, preceded by two *Khutbahs* (sermons); the first longer than the second, with a short interval between them *Salatul-Jumu'ah* is performed instead of the usual *Salatul-Zuhr*.

Some Rules of Salatul-Jumu'ah

1. *Salatul-Jumu'ah* is to be performed in congregation, in a gathering of no less than five persons³, i.e. four persons besides (an equitable)⁴ *Imam*, that is, he must be known for being pious and God fearing. *Salatul-Jumu'ah* would not be *Wajib*, if this number of persons did not gather, then the usual *Salatul-Zuhr* should be performed.

2. Another condition is that the *Imam* must make the *Niyyah* of leading *Salatul-Jumu'ah*.
3. All the conditions prescribed for the daily *Salats* are required in this respect, too, such as the *Taharah*, facing the *Qiblah*, etc.
4. *Salatul-Jumu'ah* is not *Wajib* for the traveller, women and the sick.
5. If *Salatul-Jumu'ah* was held in a mosque, it would be *Wajib* (obligatory) on those who live within two *Farsakhs* from that mosque.⁵ And those who live farther than that distance may not attend it.
6. No more than one *Salatul-Jumu'ah* is to be held within a distance less than three religious miles (some 5.5 km). Therefore, if two or more *Salatul-Jumu'ah* were held within this distance. All would be *Batil*, except the one which was started earlier than the others. This is in order that the Muslims may not disperse, but to be united.

Discussion

- Q1. What is *Salatul-Jumu'ah*? What are its effects on the individual and the society?
- Q2. Is the Khutabah (sermon) in *Salatul-Jumu'ah* *Wajib*? Is it *Wajib* on the *Musallis* to listen to it?
- Q3. How is *Salatul-Jumu'ah* held?

¹. "Wasailush-Shi'ah", by Al-Hurrul-Amili, vol. 5, p. 70.

². "Tuhaful-Uqul An Alir-Rasul" by Al-Harrani.

³. The Malikis say that the least number of people should be 12 in addition to the Imam. The Shafi'is and the Hanbalis say: "40 persons including the Imam" The Hanafis say: "There should be at least 5 persons."

⁴. The Hanafis accept the attendance of the ruler, even if not equitable.

⁵. Some 11 km.

Salatul-Ayat

Salatul-Ayat¹

1. This *Salat* becomes *Wajib* when some natural event happens causing fear, such as abnormal yellow and black wind, thunderbolts etc.
2. It also becomes *Wajib* when there is an earthquake, a solar or a lunar eclipse², total or partial, causing fear or not.

How to Perform Salat-ul-Ayat

How to perform *Salatul-Ayat*³

Salatul-Ayat consists of two *Rak'ahs*, like *Salatus-Subh*, with the difference that in *Salatus-Subh* we do one *Ruku* in each *Rak'ah*, while in *Salatul-Ayat* we have five *Rukus* in each *Rak'ah*. So, this *Salat* consists of two *Rak'ahs* with ten *Rukus*, to be performed as follows:

1. We make the *Niyyah*, the *Takbiratul-Ihram*, recite *SuratulFatihah* and a *Surah*, and we go to the *Ruku*.
2. We return to *Qiyam*, recite *Al-Fatihah* and a *Surah*, and go to the *Ruku*.
3. We return to *Qiyam* for the third time and recite *Al-Fatihah*, and a *Surah*, then we go to the *Ruku*.
4. We stand up for the fourth time, recite *Al-Fatihah*, and a *Surah*, then we go to the *Ruku*.
5. We stand up for the fifth time, recite *Al-Fatihah*, and a *Surah*, and it is *Mustahabb* to do the *Qunut* here, then we go to the *Ruku*.
6. After raising our heads from the fifth *Ruku* we go down to perform the two *Sajdahs*, then we stand up, recite and repeat the five *Rak'ahs* as before, it is also *Mustahabb* to do the *Qunut* before the fifth *Ruku*. Then we go down, make the two *Sajdahs*, then recite the *Tashahhud* and finish by the *Raslim*.

Rules to be Observed in Salat-ul-Ayat

There are certain rules concerning this *Salat* which must be observed in order to carry out our duties as best as we can.

1. All the conditions required for the daily *Salats* are to be observed here, such as *Taharah*, orientation towards the *Qiblah*, etc.
2. The time assigned for performing the *Salat* because of the lunar or solar eclipse starts with beginning of the eclipse till its end.
3. For the *Salatul-Ayat* to become *Wajib*, the natural event must happen in the country of the *Mukallaf*. If it happens in another country, the *Salat* would not be *Wajib* upon him.
4. As regarding the natural incidents, such as earthquakes, thunderbolts, storms, etc., of which we are not informed until they are finished, like when an earthquake takes place while we are asleep and we know nothing about the event, the *Qada* of *Salatul-Ayat* is to be performed, after being informed about it.

5. In cases of the lunar and solar eclipses, of which we are not informed until they are over, if they were total eclipses, the *Salatul-Qada* would be *Wajib* upon us, but it would not be *Wajib* if the eclipses were partial.

Discussion

Q1. Explain what your religious duty would be in the following cases:

- a. If it was broadcast that an earthquake had happened in a foreign country, would it be *Wajib* upon you to perform *Salatul-Ayat* or not?
- b. When you witness a partial solar eclipse in your country.
- c. A total lunar eclipse takes place in your country, but you learn about it the next day.

Q2. Compare between *Salatus-Subh* and *Salatul-Ayat*.

Q3. Is it necessary to be *Tahir* and to face the *Qiblah* in *Salatul-Ayat*?

1. Our respected brother teachers are requested to demonstrate this Salat to the students.
2. The Hanafis, the Shafi'is, the Malikis, and the Hanbalis say that the eclipse Salat is a recommended tradition, not *Wajib*.
3. It has no specific form in the opinion of the Hanafis, except that it is two Rak'ahs, each with a single Qiyam and a single Ruku, and one may perform two, four or more Rak'ahs. According to the Hanbalis, the Shafi'is and the Malikis, it is two Rak'ahs; each Rak'ah has two Qiyams and two Rukus. In the first Rak'ah, the Musalli should say first the Takbir, recite the Al-Fatihah and a Surah, then do the Ruku, and the Qiyam, recite Al-Fatihah and a Surah, do the Ruku and the Sujud, then stand for the second Rak'ah to do or repeat the same acts and recitation as he did in the first.

Salatul-Eid [Prayers of the Feast Day]

Salatul-Eid¹

Allah, the Exalted, prescribed two *Eids* [feasts or Bairams]: One of them is *Eidul-Fitr* [lesser Bairam] which comes at the end of the blessed month of *Ramadan*, the month of *Siyam*. Muslims celebrate this *Eid*, decorate their places, festively visit and congratulate one another for having performed the duty of the *Siyam*. This *Eid* is on the first day of the month of *Shawwal* [the tenth month of the Islamic calendar].

The second *Eid* is *Eidul-Adha* [the greater Bairam], on the 10th day of the month of *Dhul-Hijjah* [the 12th month of the Islamic calendar], which is also celebrated by the Muslims, as they celebrate *Eidul-Fitr*, as a token of their respect and honour for that great day on which they have finished the rituals of the *Hajj*, one of the holy duties of Islam.

On these two occasions Allah enjoined that a particular *Salat* should be performed, called *Salatul-Eid*.

How to Perform Salat-ul-Eid

Salatul-Eid consists of two *Rak'ahs* like *Salatus-Subh*, with five additional *Takbirs* after the recitation of *Al-Fatihah* and a *Surah*, with a *Qunut* after each *Takbir* in the first *Rak'ah* and four *Takbirs* and four *Qunuts* in the second *Rak'ah*. It may suffice to do only three *Takbirs* in each *Rak'ah*, with a *Qunut* after each *Takbir*. In the *Qunut* we may recite any invocation (*Dua*) we wish. The details of this *Salat* is as follows:

1. We make the *Niyyah* to perform *Salatul-Eid*, then we recite *Takbiratul-Ihram*.
2. We recite *Suratul-Fatihah*, and a *Surah*, preferred to be *Suratush-Shams* or *Suratul-Ala*, then we recite another *Takbir*, then we raise our hands for invocation, reciting any praying text, though the following *Du'a* is the most recommended: "*Allahumma Ahlal-Kibriya'i Wal-Azamah, Wa Ahlal-Judi Wal-Jabarut, Wa Ahlal-Afwi War-Rahmah, Wa Ahlat-Taqwa Wal Maghfirah, As'aluka Bihaqqi Hadhal-Yaumil-Ladhi Ja'altahu Lil-Muslimina Idan, Wa Li Muhammadin, Salla-Llahu Alayhi We Alihi, Dhukhran Wa Sharafan Wa Karamatan Wa Mazidan, An Tusalliya Ala Muhammadin Wa Alee Muhammad, Ka'afdali Ma Sallayta Ala Abdin Min Ibadika, Wa Salli Ala Mala'ikatika Wa Rusulika Waghfir Lil-Mu'minina Wal-Mu'minat Wal-Muslimina Wal-Muslimat, Al-Ahya'i Minhum Wal-Amwat. Allahumma Inni As'aluka Khayra Masa'alaka Minhu Ibadukas-Salihun, Wa'audhu Bika Min Sharri Masta'adha Minhu'ibadukal-Muskhlisun.*"
3. Having finished the *Qunut*, we lower our hands and repeat the *Takbir* for the second time, then we raise our hands once again and repeat the same *Du'a*. Finishing it, we lower our hands with a *Takbir*, then raise them for the third time and repeat the same *Du'a*, lower our hands with a *Takbir*, and once again raise them for the fourth time, repeat the same *Du'a*, lower our hands with with a *Takbir*, and raise them for the fifth time and repeat the same *Du'a*.
4. After that we make the *Ruku* and the two *Sajdahs*, as in the daily *Salats*.
5. Then we stand up for the second *Rak'ah*, repeat the same recitation, *Takbir* and *Du'a*, i.e. we recite *Al-Fatihah*, a *Surah*, preferably *Suratul-Ghashiyah* or *Suratush-Shams*, then the 4 *Takbirs*, with the *Du'a* after each *Takbir*, as we did in the first *Rak'ah*.
6. Having finished the *Du'a* after the fourth *Takbir*, we make the *Ruku*, the two *Sajdahs*, the *Tashahhud* and the *Taslim*, as in the daily *Salats*.

Rules Concerning Salat-ul-Eid

1. The conditions required in the daily *Salats*, such as *Taharah*, facing the *Qiblah*, etc., are required in this *Salat*, too.
2. No *Adhan* is required for this *Salat*, nor *Iqamah*. It is *Mustahabb* however, for the *Mu'adhdhin* to

shout: "*As Salat!*" three times.

3. The assigned time² for performing this *Salat* begins from sunrise till noon.
4. It is *Mustahabb* to recite it audibly.
5. It must be attended for performance, if an equitable *Imam* lead the *Jama'ah*.

Discussion

Q1. There are certain advantages in the Islamic *Eids*. Please, count some of these advantages.

Q2. How many *Rak'ahs* are there in *Salatul-Eid*?

Q3. An *Imam* performed this *Salat*, with three *Takbirs* and three *Qunuts* in each *Rak'ah*. Is his *Salat* valid or *Batil*?

Q4. If an *Imam* performed *Salatul-Eid* with five *Takbirs* and five *Qunuts* in the first *Rak'ah* but in the second *Rak'ah* he performed four *Takbirs* and four *Qunuts*, would his *Salat* be valid or *Batil*?

Q5. Tell your brother students about the time of *Salatul-Eid*.

Q6. Fill in the blanks with suitable words: There is neither *Adhan* nor *Iqamah* in *Salatul-Eid*, but it is *Mustahabb* to say: three

¹. The brother teachers are requested to train the students to practically perform this *Salat*.

². According to the Hanbalis, the time for *Salatul-Eid* begins after the sun has risen to a spear's height, and continues till noon.

Salatul-Mayyit [Salat over the Dead Person]

1. The *Salat* over the *Mayyit* (dead) is a *Kifa'i Wajib*. That is performing *Ghuslul-Mayyit*, wrapping it in the *Kafan* [shroud], and performing the *Salat*, over it, are all *Kifa'i Wajibs*, so, when a Muslim dies and somebody, or some people, perform the *Salat* over him, the others would be exempted from performing it. But if they have neglected the body and nobody offered to perform the *Salat* over it, then all of them would be considered sinners.

2. This *Salat* is not *Wajib* on a *Mayyit* who has not yet reached 6 years of age.¹

3. The *Salat* is performed over the dead after giving it the *Ghusl*, anointing it with the *Hunut*², and wrapping it in the *Kafan*.

How to Perform the Salat over the Mayyit

1. The body is stretched on its back, with its head to the right, and its legs to the left of the *Musalli*, who is to face the *Qiblah*.
2. The *Musalli* makes the *Niyyah* that he performs *Salatul-Mayyit*, and starts the *Salat*, which consists of five *Takbirs*³, as follows:
 - a. The *Musalli* says the *Takbir* and the *Shahadatan* [*Tashahhud*].
 - b. He says the second *Takbir* and sends blessings on Muhammad and Alee Muhammad,
 - c. He says the third *Takbir* and asks forgiveness and pardon for the *Mu'minun* [the believers].
 - d. He says the fourth *Takbir* and asks forgiveness and pardon for the *Mayyit*. If the *Mayyit* was a child, he is to say: "*Allahumma-J'alhu Li'abawayhi Wa Lana Salafan Wa Faratan Wa Ajan*".
 - e. He says the fifth *Takbir* and finishes the *Salat*.

Explanations

1. There is no *Qira'ah* in this *Salat* as is in the daily *Salats*, nor *Ruku* nor *Sujud*, and it does not need *Taharah*.⁴
2. The women are allowed to perform the *Salat* over a male *Mayyit*, as the males are allowed to perform it over a female *Mayyit*.
3. It is *Mustahabb* to perform this *Salat* in *Jama'ah*.
4. If a *Mayyit* was buried without performing the *Salat* over it, negligently or for any other reason, or the *Salat* which has already been performed was not correct, the *Salat* would be performed over its grave in the same original manner as usually done before burial.

Discussion

Q1. Tell which of the following *Salats* is correct and which is *Batil*.

- a. A *Musalli*, without being *Tahir* performed *Salatul-Mayyit*.
- b. A *Musalli* performed *Salatul-Mayyit* over a dead body with a curtain in between.
- c. A *Musalli*, who has performed *Salatul-Mayyit* without facing the *Qiblah*.

Q2. How many *Takbirs* are there in *Salatul-Mayyit*?

- [1.](#) The Shafi'is and the Malikis say that, in the case of a child, if the child cried after birth, the Salat is to be performed over it. The Hanbalis and the Hanafis say: The Salat is to be performed over it, if it stayed 4 months in it's mother's womb.
- [2.](#) Al-Hunut is to anoint the 7 parts of Sujud with camphor. The Sujud parts are: the forehead, the two palms, the two knees and the two tips of the big toes of the feet.
- [3.](#) The four Islamic sects [the Hanafis, the Hanbalis, the Shafi'is and the Malikis say that only 4 Takbirs are Wajib.
- [4.](#) The four sects conditioned for the correctness of the Salat that the Taharah is to be observed, as in the incumbent Salat.

Faridatus-Sawm [The Obligatory Fasting]

Allah, the Exalted, says:

"The month of Ramadan, is that in which the Qur'an was revealed, a guidance to mankind and manifestations of guidance and distinction; therefore, whoever of you is present in the month (at home) has to fast therein; and whoever is sick or on a journey, then (he shall fast) a (like) number of other days. Allah wants ease for you, and does not want hardship for you. And that you should complete the number and that you should exalt the Greatness of Allah for having guided you, and that you may give thanks." (2: 185)

He, the Glorified, also says:

"O you who believe! fasting is incumbent on you as it was incumbent on those before you, so that you may ward off Allah's wrath." (2: 183).

The Messenger of Allah (s) said: "A fasting person is considered to be worshipping even if he is in his bed, unless he backbites a Muslim."[1](#) He (s) also said: "Whoever fasts in Ramadan out of faith and to please Allah, Allah forgives the sins he had committed."[2](#)

He (s) also said: "O people! The month of Almighty Allah has come to you with blessings, mercy and forgiveness, a month which is the best of months with Allah, its days are the best of days, its nights are the best of nights and its hours are the best of hours..."[3](#) He (s) also said: "...It is the month of forbearance, and, surely, the reward of forbearance is Paradise. It is the month of consolation."[4](#)

The *Imam* Ja'far As-Sadiq (a.s.) said: "Allah enjoined the *Siyam* [fasting] so that equality may prevail between the rich and the poor, since the rich usually do not feel the touch of hunger so as to show mercy to the poor, as they are capable of affording whatever they desire. Therefore, Allah, the Exalted, wanted to put His creatures on an equal footing, making the rich taste the pains of hunger, so that they may be kind to the needy and have mercy on the hungry people."[5](#)

As-Sawm is a worshipping duty legislated by Allah, the Exalted, and enjoined on the people, and nations which lived before us, as it is now enjoined on us. *As-Sawm* is one of the fundamental pillars of

Islam, and it is to be practised in a particular month of the year, the blessed month of *Ramadan*.

As-Sawm brings about numerous ritual, educational and moral objectives. It teaches man to prefer obeying Allah and loving Him to loving himself, his desires and pleasures. The Muslim, in this month, responds to Allah's command, by giving up all pleasures derived from food, drink, etc., for the sake of Allah's pleasure and as an obedience to His orders.

It strengthens one's will and ability to forbear difficulties and sharpens one's inner sense of obeying and carrying out the Divine orders and laws. The *Sa'im* [the fasting person] is inwardly driven to avoid all that Allah had ordered him to avoid in this blessed month. This accustoms the Muslim to obedience and commitment.

It also teaches the *Sa'im* Muslim to adhere to the virtuous morality and upright conduct. It causes the rich *Sa'im*, to sense the poor's hunger, and to understand the meaning of being poverty-stricken and needy. This, in turn, urges him to help the poor and soothe their pains. Furthermore it makes all Muslims feel equal in the presence of Allah, the Exalted, and, by strengthening this feeling in them, they learn to regard one another as brothers, equal in rights and duties.

There are, of course, many other good effects and salubrious (healthful), curing advantages to the body. The Messenger of Allah (s) said "*Sumu Tasihhu*" that is: Fast yow would be healthy. It has been proved by the physicians and scientists that fasting is a relaxation for the body's organs, and is regarded as a cure for many diseases.

The Conditions Making Fasting Wajib

Fasting can not become *Wajib* on a Muslim unless the following conditions are present:

1. Puberty: Fasting is not incumbent on a person who has not yet reached puberty, though it would be correct if he fasted;
2. Sanity: No fasting is incumbent on the insane.
3. Not being a traveller: One who is on a journey is not to fast, and if he did it, it would be *Batil*.
4. Consciousness, as the unconscious person is not to fast.
5. Cleanliness from Hayd and *Nifas*, as the women who are in the state of Hayd or *Nifas* are not to fast before becoming *Tahir*, otherwise, their fasting would be *Batil* and unacceptable, if they did fast during the Hayd and *Nifas*.
6. Being healthy enough to withstand fasting, as the sick, the old men and women (for whom it is difficult to fast), and the pregnant⁶ and the suckling women who or whose children would be harmed by fasting, are not to fast.

N. B. The *Musafir*, the sick, the Hayd and the *nafsa* must perform the *Qada Sawm*, that is to fast, when able later on, as many days as had been missed.

The Niyyah for Fasting

1. The *Niyyah* is a basic part of the *Sawm*, as the sa'im will have to make his intention that he is performing the *Sawm* for the pleasure of Allah; the Exalted.
2. The *Niyyah* can be made once by the Sa'im for the whole month of *Ramadan*, or one may make it for each day separately, before dawn.
3. The *Niyyah* for fasting is to last until the end of the day. If one has the intention of breaking one's fast during the day, or if one is not sure about it, one's fasting will be *Batil*, even if one did not do any of the acts which invalidate the *Sawm* such as eating, drinking, etc. In this case one has to abstain from the "invalidators" until the end of the day, and then to make up for it by fasting another day after the month of *Ramadan*.

When to Begin and End Ramadan Fasting

The blessed month of *Ramadan* is the month of the *Sawm* which is incumbent on every Muslim *Mukallaf*. Therefore, it is necessary to be sure about the first and last days of this month, in order to carry out this sacred worship.

The Islamic *Shari'ah* has explained the lawful ways of knowing these two days at the beginning and the end of the month. These ways are as below:

1. The month of *Ramadan* is ascertained by eye-witnessing the *Hilal* (crescent) [the new moon] and the day of the *Eid* is also ascertained by eye-witnessing the new moon of the month of *Shawwal* [the month after *Ramadan*]
2. If the new moon of the month of *Ramadan* could not be seen for any given natural reason, such as clouds, fog, or dust, the number of the days *Sha'ban* [the month before *Ramadan*] is to be completed 30 days, then we start the month of *Ramadan* the next day.
3. The *Eidul-Fitr* [the first day of the month of *Shawwal*] is ascertained by eye-witnessing the new moon on the beginning of the month of *Shawwal*. If it was not possible to see it, the month of *Ramadan* is to be completed up to 30 days.

How to Ascertain the Hilal (The New Moon)

There are three ways defined by the Islamic *Shari'ah* for being sure of the visibility of the *Hilal*, (the crescent):

1. If someone himself saw the *Hilal*, it would be *Wajib* upon him to start the *Siyam* of the month of *Ramadan*, or to break the fast, if it was the *Hilal* of *Shawwal*.
2. If two equitable men⁷ testified that they themselves had seen the *Hilal*, we, then, would have to begin our *Siyam*, or to break it.
3. If it was rumoured among people that the *Hilal* had been seen, and people gave credit to it and believed in it, then the *Mukallaf* must act according to this circulation, starting the *Siyam*, or by starting the *Iftar* [fast-breaking], depending on the circulation.⁸

Explanation

Some *Faqihs* believe that to ascertain the crescent in a country cannot be sufficient for the citizens of another, unless both are near each other, or they were known to have a common horizon, or the ascertaining country is situated to the east of the other. Whereas other jurists believe that ascertaining of in a country suffices for ascertaining of it in the other countries.

¹. Al-Kulayni, "Furu Ul-Kafi, vol. 4, p. 191.

². At-Tirmidhi's Sahih, vol. 3, pp. 76 and 171. "Majma Uz-Zawa'id, vol. 3, p. 144.

³. Al-Hurrul-Amili's Wasa'ilush-Shi'ah" vol. 7, Kitabus-Sawm, p. 227, 5th ed.

⁴. Ibid , p. 222.

⁵. Ibid, p. 3.

⁶. The four sects say: "If nursing and pregnant women expect harm to themselves or to their infants, they may or may not fast."

⁷. The Hanafis say: "The new moon of Ramadan is established by the testimony of a single man and a single woman, provided they are sane and equitable Muslims, but the new moon of Shawwal is established by the testimony of two men, or one man and two women". The Shafi'is say: "The new moons of both the months of Ramadan and Shawwal are established by the testimony of a single equitable sane and Muslim man".

⁸. Some Faqihs say that fasting or breaking of the fast during the month of Ramadan becomes *Wajib* if the equitable Faqih is ascertained of the new moon, unless the *Mukallaf* personally is certain of the contrary.

Al-Mufattirat [The Invalidators of the Sawm]

If the *Salim* ate something, or used things which he was not to use during the daytime of the month of *Ramadan*, his *Sawm* would be invalid. Such things are called the *mufattirat*, i. e. "the invalidators". They are:

1. Eating and drinking.
2. *Jima* [sexual intercourse]

3. Deliberately forging lies against the Messenger of Allah (s)
4. Deliberately immersing [1](#) the head completely in water.
5. Deliberately remaining *Junub* till dawn. If a Sa'im became *Junub* at night and deliberately neglected performing the *Ghusl* or the *Tayammum* (in case he could not perform the *Ghusl*), his *Sawm* would be *Batil*. [2](#)
6. Causing the ejaculation (discharge) of one's semen. [3](#)
7. Using enema so as to make the liquid reach one's stomach.
8. Deliberately vomiting. [4](#)
9. Deliberately allowing dust to reach one's stomach by breathing.

Explanation:

1. A medicine put in the eye, ear and nose, even if it reaches the stomach, would not invalidate the *Sawm*.
2. Injecting medicine into the organs of the body by syringe would not invalidate the *Sawm*.
3. If a Sa'im unconsciously had or committed one or some of the *Mufattirat*, his *Sawm* would be valid, [5](#) not *Batil*.

Performing the Qada and the Kaffarah [Expiation]

1. If someone deliberately had, or used, any one of the aforementioned *Mufattirat*, he would have to perform *Qada Us-Siyam* for the missed fast days, besides having to pay a *Kaffarah* [expiation]. The *Kaffarah* of deliberately breaking the fast is: feeding sixty needy persons for each day, or fasting for two successive months, or emancipating a slave from slavery, whichever he chooses. [6](#)
2. Whoever deliberately broke his fast by having something *Haram*, such as the one who broke one's fasting by drinking wine. In such a case this person is to fast for the lapsed day, and to pay all the above three expiations.

Rules of Siyam in the Stay and Travel

Allah, the Exalted, says:

"The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was revealed, a guidance to mankind and manifestations of guidance and distinction, therefore, whoever of you is present in the month (at

home) has to fast therein; and whoever is sick or on a journey, then (he shall fast) a (like) number of other days..... " (2: 185)

Feasibility and ease are basic principles in every *Wajib* and duty in the Islamic *Shari'ah*. Islam is the religion of feasibility and ease. He, the Exalted, says:"

"Allah wants ease for you, and does not want hardship for you." (2: 185)

Therefore in order to remove difficulty, harm and hardship from His servants, He, in the wise Qur'an has ordered the travellers and the sick to break their fast. The Islamic *Shari'ah* has stated the rules of breaking the fast during travel and stay, as below:

1. The Sa'im traveller has to break his fasting, in case he intends to travel a distance of some 45km round trip that is a distance of about 22.5 km for going and 22.5 km for the return trip.
2. He is to start his journey before noon⁷. If he started it in the afternoon, he would not be allowed to break his fast for that day.
3. His journey should not be for a sinful purpose.
4. If a traveller returned home or to where he lives, before noon, he must fast, as he is not allowed to remain *Muftir* [not fasting].
5. If a traveller intended to, or knew that he would, stay for at least ten days in a place during his travel, he must fast and perform *Tamam Salat*. That is, he is not allowed to perform *Salatul Qasr*. Similarly if someone remained for thirty days in the place to which he has travelled, uncertain whether to stay longer or not, he must then fast and perform *Tamam Salat*, as from the 31st day of his travel.
6. Those whose business requires them to travel, such as the sailors, drivers, or those whose jobs, are connected to travelling, such as, peddlers, they have to fast, disregarding the distances they make.
7. The traveller has to perform the *Qada* fasting to make up for the lapsed *Siyam* caused by his travel.
8. It is impermissible, as a precaution, to postpone the *Qada* fasting to the next month of *Ramadan*. If he postpones, the *Qada*, it would have ample time to do it whenever he wants, but he will have to offer a ransom of a *Mudd* of food for each day, in addition to the *Qada*, if the postponement was made owing to his indifference.
9. It is *Haram* to fast on the two *Eids*, that is, the first day of the month of *Shawwal*, and the 10th day of the month of *Dhul-Hijjah*.⁸

Mustahabb Sawm (Recommended fasting)

In addition to the *Wajib Sawm* there are *Mustahabb Sawms* too:

1. Fasting three days of every month, preferably the first and the last Thursdays, as well as the first Wednesday of every month.
2. Fasting the months of *Rajab* and *Sha'ban*, completely (wholly) or partially.

The Messenger of Allah (s) used to encourage and insist upon performing the *Mustahabb Sawm*. He is quoted to have said: "Whoever fasts three days of every month, would be as if he had fasted forever, because Allah, the Glorified and Almighty, says: "whoever does a good deed will have ten times as much."

Discussion

Q1. *Sawm* is one of Islam's bases, with devotional, educational and morel objectives. Explain these objectives briefly.

Q2. Mark the correct statement with the sign ✓ and the incorrect with X.

- a. If the new moon of the month of *Ramadan* could not be seen because of heavy clouds, the month of *Sha'ban* is to be completed up to 30 days, then to start the month of *Ramadan*.
- b. Immersing the head completely in water does not invalidate the *Sawm*.
- c. The *Sawm* of the one who remains *Junub* till dawn is valid.
- d. The Sa'im who travels in the afternoon is allowed to break his fast.
- e. The traveller who returns home before noon is not allowed to break his fast.
- f. It is *Mustahabb* for minors to fast, if no harm is anticipated.
- g. The women in the state of Hayd or *Nifas* must fast.
- h. Nursing mothers are not allowed to break their fasting, even if it badly affects the quantity of their milk.

Q3. What is the *Kaffarah* for deliberately breaking the fast of the month of *Ramadan*?

1. The four sects say: Immersing the head completely in water does not invalidate the *Sawm*.
2. The four sects say: The *Sawm* is valid.
3. The four sects say: Causing the discharge of semen requires, Qada Us-Sawm without *Kaffarah* (atonement).
4. The Hanafis say: Deliberate vomiting does not invalidate the *Sawm*, unless the mouth is filled with it.
5. In this case, the Malikis say that the Qada would be *Wajib*.
6. The Shafi'is, the Hanbalis and the Hanafis say: "It should be effected in succession, i.e., first the emancipation of a slave:

if this was not possible the next would be the *Sawm*: if this was not possible, then the feeding of sixty needy persons.

7. The four sects say: "In addition to the said observable conditions in *Salatul-Asr*, according to each sect, there is the condition that one has to start his journey before dawn. If one set off after dawn, it would be *Haram* for one to break one's fast. If one did it, one would have to perform *Qada Siyam*, without *Kaffarah*.

8. The Hanafis say: "Fasting on the *Eid* day is very much *Makruh* to the extent of nearly being *Haram*.

Zakatul-Fitr [Al-Fitrah]

Islam has taken care of every aspect of the human life concentrating on the subsistence aspect in particular. It has offered laws and enjoined taxes on the rich to solve the problem of the poor and liquidate poverty. *Zakatul Fitr* is one of these taxes. So, *Zakatul-Fitr* is a devotional financial tax, governed by certain rules and conditions as follows:

1. Paying it is *Wajib* on every sane 1 mature Muslim who can afford it. He is to pay it on behalf of himself and the members of his family: wife, children, parents, servants, etc.
2. *Zakatul-Fitr* is to be put aside for payment on the night preceding *Eidul-Fitr*, and can be paid any time up till the noon of the *Eid*.2
3. The amount of *Zakatul-Fitr* payable by every Muslim is nearly 3 kg3 of the food common in the locality, such as: wheat, rice, dates, and the like. However, their value can also be paid in cash to the *Mustahiqqun* [those who deserve to receive it].

This charity is to be paid to one's local *Mustahiqqun*, unless there was a surplus, or there was no *Mustahiqq* in one's locality, or if there was extreme need in some other locality demanding that the *Zakat* should be transported to where it can achieve its economic and social objectives in solving the problem of poverty, and in pleasing the poor and the needy on this happy occasion of the Muslim life, the occasion of the *Eid* and of having completed this sacred *Sawm* duty.

How to Dispense Zakatul-Fitr.

In order to carry out the reformatory and subsistence aims of *Zakatul-Fitr* in the society, Islam as defined the way of dispensing it among the *mustahiqq* people and establishments. These are:

1. The poor and the needy.
2. The collectors who levy the *Zakat* and distribute it.
3. The poor debtors who are unable to pay their debts because of their poverty.

4. *Ibnus-Sabil*, i.e. a traveller who has lost his money, and has been left with no means to take him back home, may be paid as much as he needs to return home.

5. It is also spent in the way of Allah, which covers all that pleases Allah, the Exalted, such as building mosques, schools, bridges, and for *Jihad* (war in defence of Islam), spreading Islamic culture, propagating Islam, enjoining the good deeds and forbidding the wrong deeds, and the like.

6. It is also given to the slaves who have come to an agreement with their masters so as to free them against a ransom. So the *Zakat* is used to help the slaves to emancipate themselves, since Islam is the religion of freedom and emancipation.

Discussion

Q1. Complete the following rules:

a. *Zakatul-Fitr* is *Wajib* on every.....

b. The time for putting the *Zakat* aside is.....till.....

c. The amount of *Zakatul-Fitr* is.....of food common in the locality, such as wheat.....

Q2. Who are the *Mustahiqqun* of *Zakatul-Fitr*?

1. The four sects say that *Zakatul-Fitr* is *Wajib* on every Muslim who can afford it, whether major [One who has reached puberty (legal age)] or minor, sane or insane. The guardians of the sane or the major will have to pay *Zakatul-Fitr* to the *Mustahiqq* persons from the properties of those who are under their custody.

2. The Hanafis say that it will be due from the dawn of the Eid till the end of one's life. The Hanbalis say that it is *Haram* to delay its payment till after the Eid day and that it may be paid two days before the Eid. The Shafi'is say that it is due on the last part of Ramadan until the first part of Shawwal, i.e. at the sunset, or a little before it, on the last day of the month of Ramadan.

3. The Hanafis say that the quantity of *Zakatul-Fitr* is 1.5 kg.

Az-Zakat [Islamic Alms Tax]

Allah, the Exalted, said:

"And perform the Salat and pay the Zakat."

He also said:

"Take due-alms [Zakat] out of their, with which you may purify and thrive them, and pray for them; surely your prayer for them is a relief to them, and Allah is Hearing, Knowing" (9: 103)

Linguistically, the word "*Zakat*" means "purity and growth." Thus, the due-*alms* that are given out to the poor for the sake of Allah is called "*Zakat*," because it thrives and purifies the wealth of the almsgiver. The word "*Zakat*" can be defined as to be: "A certain tax enjoined by Allah on the rich, to be paid to the poor, or to be spent on charity and reform."

Islam takes great care of reforming the society, abolishing poverty and establishing justice among people, since poverty is a grave social plague, and a cause of corruption, backwardness and deterioration.

Poverty often drives man to commit a crime, killings, stealing, corruption, etc., Whereas Islam wants to build virtuous and happy communities in which people attain to their sufficiency, and there would be no one to feel any need. Therefore, it has legislated financial taxes enjoined on the rich, such as the duty of paying the *Zakat*, which we are going to study in this lesson.

Az-Zakat is a devotional duty that brings the Muslim nearer to Allah, the Exalted, and purifies his soul from miserliness, love for wealth, and compiling of it, and depriving the needy from it. The one who denies the *Zakat* is regarded by Islam as a *Kafir* (unbeliever). No *Salat* is acceptable by Allah from the person who does not pay the *Zakat* out of his property. The *Zakat* causes one's wealth to grow, and protects it from loss and damage.

The *Zakat* is the poor's right assigned by Allah on the wealth of the rich, and He has made it *Wajib* upon them to pay it. Yet, there are some conditions that must be realized before the *Zakat* becomes due. In paying it the pleasure of Allah, the Exalted, is to be intended.

The Conditions of the Zakat

No *Zakat* will be payable before the realization of the following conditions:

1. Maturity, as the *Zakat* is not required of a minor who has not yet reached puberty.
2. Sanity, as no *Zakat* is levied from the insane. [1](#)
3. Freedom, as a slave who is owned by another person is not to pay any *Zakat*.
4. The owner of the property must be free to manage it. If his property is stolen, lost, or mortgaged, there will be no *Zakat* on him.
5. He is to be possessor of the property, as the *Zakat* would not be liable before complete possession of the property, as a gift which is not yet received, nor the bequeathed heritage before the death of the testator and the consent of the legatee, nor on the loan except after receiving it.
6. The property liable to *Zakat* must amount to a certain *Nisab* [prescribed quantity], as will be detailed later on.

Things Liable to the Zakat

The Glorious Qur'an and the pure *Sunnah* have explained the items which are to be liable to the *Zakat*. They are:

1. The four agricultural yields: wheat, barley, dates, and raisins.[2](#)
2. The three kinds of cattle: camels, cows and sheep.
3. Gold and silver currencies.

The Zakat on the Four Drops [Yields]

Rules Concerning the Zakat on the Yield

1. It is *Wajib* to pay the *Zakat* on the said four crops when their quantity have reached 847 kg or more. Any quantity less than that is not liable to the *Zakat*.[3](#)
2. The amount of the *Zakat* to be levied on the yield is one-tenth of the harvest, if it is irrigated by rain or running water. If it is irrigated with man's effort, using the manual tools or machinery, the *Zakat* levied on the harvest, in this case, will be 5% of it.
3. The *Zakat* is, calculated according to the weight of the dry harvest.
4. The time for assigning the *Zakat* starts when the grains are husked, the raisins are gathered, and the dates are cut off, because Allah, the Glorified, says:

"...and pay the due of it on the day of its reaping." (6: 141)

The Zakat on the Three Kinds of Cattle

Of the cattle only three kinds are concerned: camels, cows (including buffaloes) and sheep (including goats).

Conditions for Paying Cattle-Zakat

The *Zakat* of the said cattle is liable under the following conditions:

1. Grazing the whole year, that is, they should have grazed the whole year in natural pastures and that their owner rarely feeds them with fodder or feed. If they were fed more frequently, they would not be liable to the *Zakat*.[4](#)
2. They must not be used in work such as those used for transport, irrigation, ploughing.[5](#) etc.

3. A full lunar year should have passed over them under the aforementioned conditions. If any of these conditions were not met through the year, there would be no *Zakat* on them.

4. The *Nisab*, that is, they must reach a prescribed number, which is different in respect of each of the three kinds of the cattle. Hereunder are the *Nisabs* in their legal arrangement in the Islamic *Shari'ah*:

NO	Number of Camels	The Prescribed <i>Zakat</i> on Camels
1	5	One female sheep or goat.
2	10	Two female sheep or goat.
3	15	Three female sheep or goat.
4	20	Four female sheep or goat.
5	25	Five female sheep or goat.
6	26	A she-camel in the second year of age. If it could not be found among them, it may be purchased for the <i>Zakat</i> , or a three-year old he-camel may be paid instead.
7	36	A she-camel in the third year of age.
8	46	A she-camel in the fourth year of age.
9	61	A she-camel in the fifth year of age.
10	76	Two she-camels each in the third year of age.
11	91	Two she-camels each in the fourth year of age.
12	121 and up	Here the number is to be derived by either 40s, or 50s. A she-camel in the third year of age is for every 40 camels, to be paid, and a she-camel in the fourth year of age is to be paid for every 50 camels. Any surplus falling between these two figures are exempted from the <i>Zakat</i> .
NO	Number of Cows	The Prescribed <i>Zakat</i> on Cows
1	30	An ox or a cow in the second year of age.
2	40	A cow in the third year of age. Any number above that is to be divided by either 30s or 40s, for which the above <i>Zakat</i> is to be paid. Any surplus number between 30 and 40 is exempted.
NO	Number of sheep (Including Goats)	The Prescribed <i>Zakat</i> on sheep and goats
1	40	One she-sheep.
2	121	Two she-sheeps.
3	201	Three she-sheeps.
4	301	Four she-sheeps.
5	400 and up	For every 100 sheep (or goats) one sheep is paid as <i>Zakat</i> . Any number between every two <i>Nisabs</i> , such as 40 and 121, no <i>Zakat</i> is to be paid, and so on for the others.

In respect of the *Zakat* on sheep, it makes no difference to pay male or female sheep or goats.[6](#)

Zakatun-Naqdayn

We mean by *Zakatun Naqdayn*, the *Zakat* which is to be paid on the gold and silver[7](#) currencies. They will be liable to the *Zakat* when they attain the *Nisab*. The *Nisab* of the gold currency is 20 dinars [a gold currency] (a dinar weighs 3.45g of gold). The *Nisab* of silver is 200 dirhams [a silver currency] (a dirham weighs 3.5g of silver). Other conditions are:

The *Nisab* should remain in the possession of its owner for a full year, and they should have been coined as currencies. The *Zakat* for both is a quarter of a tenth, i. e. 2.5%.

How to Spend the Zakat

Islam has defined the ways of dispensing the *Zakat* and the establishments to which it may be given. In fact, these are the same quarters to which *Zakatul-Fitr* is given, as follows:

1. The poor.
2. The needy.
3. The debtors who cannot pay their debts, therefore, they are given of the *Zakat* to settle their debts.
4. *Al-Mu'allafatu-Qulubuhum*: That is, the Muslims whose faith is not so strong and it is feared that they might change their religion. So, they are given of the *Zakat* to help them keep to their faith and stick to Islam. Similarly the disbelievers who are expected to convert to Islam, or to give their support to Islam and Muslims.
5. *Ibnus-Sabil*, i.e. The wayfarer who does not have enough money to take him back home. So, he is given of the *Zakat* a sum enough to get him home.
6. The slaves who have made an agreement with their masters to redeem (free) themselves against a payment. So, they are given the needed ransom as a part of Islam's plan for the emancipation of man and delivering him from human servitude.
7. Spending for the sake of Allah. This covers all expenditures spent on charities which please Allah, the Exalted, such as the building of schools, hospitals, roads, shelters, as well as spreading knowledge and so on.⁸ Hence this financial duty participates in the development of the society, the prosperity of its economic life, and the improvement of the people's living and social standards.

Discussion

- Q1. What does the word "*Zakat*" mean?
- Q2. What are the conditions for the *Zakat* to be liable?
- Q3. Complete the following phrases:
- a. By the three kinds of cattle we mean:
 - b. The *Zakat*, is incumbent (obligatory) on
 - c. The four agricultural yields are:

Q4. The agricultural crops will be liable to the *Zakat* when their quantities reach kg.

- [1.](#) The Malikis, the Hanbalis and the Shafi'is say that sanity and maturity are not necessary, as the properties of the insane and the minors are also liable to the *Zakat*, and their guardians will have to pay it out of those properties. The Hanafis say that as far as the insane and minors are concerned, the *Zakat* is to be paid only on their agricultural products, while their other properties, such as the three kinds of cattle, and gold and silver currencies are exempted. (look up "Al-Fiqhu Al-Madhabihil-Khamsah", by Shaykh Muhammad Jawad Maghniyyah, p. 66)
- [2.](#) The Imamis say that it is Mustahabb to pay the *zakat* on every agricultural yield, besides the four prescribed crops, such as: rice, sesame, lentils, Indian peas, maize, and the like. The Malikis and the Shafi'is say that the *Zakat* is *Wajib* on whatever is stored as provisions, like wheat, barley, rice, dates, and raisins. The Hanafis say that the *Zakat* is enjoined on whatever grows out of the earth, such as fruits and grains, except the firewood, hay and Persian reeds. The Hanbalis say that it is *Wajib* on every measurable and storeable fruits and grains. As to the *Zakat* on trade, it is *Wajib* according to what the four sects say, but it is Mustahabb according to what the Imamis say. (Look up "Al-Fiqhu Al-Madhabihil-Khamsah", 174).
- [3.](#) If the plantation is sometimes naturally irrigated and sometimes mechanically irrigated either by hand or by machinery, the most used method is to be taken into consideration on which the cultivation depends, and the *Zakat* is proportionally calculated. If the irrigation, however, depends on both methods equally, the *Wajib* must be divided into two equal parts. On one part 10% *Zakat*, and on the other part 5% *Zakat* is to be paid.
- [4.](#) All sects agree upon this condition, except the Malikis who say that the *Zakat* is *Wajib* on both grazing and foddered cattle ("Al-Fiqhu Al-Madhabihil-Khamsah" p. 172)
- [5.](#) Except the Malikis who say that the *Zakat* is *Wajib* on the working and nonworking cattle (Ibid).
- [6.](#) These tables are given for only clarification with examples, so do not tell the students to memorize them, please.
- [7.](#) There is no *Zakat* on the gold ingots, silver bars and jewelry, according to AhlulBayt's opinion, while the other four sects say that it is *Wajib* on the ingots and bars, but they differ in respect of the jewelry, as some say that they are also liable to the *Zakat* and some others say that they are not. (Look up "Al-Fiqhu Al-Madhabihil Khamsah", p. 173.)
- [8.](#) The four sects say that *Ibnus-Sabil* refers to those who voluntarily participate in holy wars in defence of Islam. (Ibid, p. 180).

Al-Khums [One-Fifth of the Acquired wealth]

This is a devotional financial duty amounting to 20%, whose general lines are defined by the Glorious Qur'an, and whose details and applications were explained by the pure *Sunnah*. Allah, the Exalted, says:

"And know that whatever thing you acquire, its khums [a fifth of it] is for Allah and for the Messenger and for the near kin and the orphans, the needy and ibnus-sabil..." (8:41)

The *Khums* effectively helps in establishing economic justice and the prosperity of the Islamic society. So many pure traditions stress the *Khums* as a *Wajib*, and explain its conditions and rules. In Ahmad Ibn Hanbal's "Musnad" it is stated that: "A man from Muzaynah asked the Messenger of Allah (s) a number of questions, among which was [the question]....[what about] the treasures we find under the ruins, and road-signs?' The Messenger of Allah (s) said: "In them and in the buried mines there is *Khums*"

The Messenger of Allah (s) sent a letter to Juhaynah Ibn Zayd saying: "Yours are what is inside the

earth, the valleys, the hills, the mountains and the slopes, that you may graze their pastures and drink their water, provided you pay the *Khums*."¹

Things Liable to the Khums

1. Things acquired by the Muslims from the *Kafirs* in war times.
2. The ores excavated from the mines, such as gold, silver, oil, sulphur, iron, etc.
3. Treasures, which are the wealth buried in the earth.
4. Whatever is obtained from the sea by diving, such as pearls and corals.²
5. The land bought by a *Dhimmi* [a follower of a Divine Book, living in an Islamic country and under the protection of the Islamic State] from a Muslim.
6. The profits of the professions. That is, the surplus riches which a *Mukallaf* gains from trade, industry, agriculture, etc., after deducting the yearly *Halal* (lawful), expenditures for himself and his family.
7. The *Halal* wealth mixed with the *Haram* one: If *Haram* wealth is mixed with *Halal* one, and its amount is not known, and it cannot be distinguished or separated from the *Halal* one, or its owner is not identified to return it to him, then its *Khums* must be paid. But if its owner was identified, it must be returned to him. And if the amount is known, and its owner is not identified, it must be given out as alms on his behalf.

How to Disperse the Khums

The *Khums* is divided into two shares³:

1. The share of Allah, His Messenger and his near kins. This share is given to the *Imam*, and it is an important income of the Islamic state. It can be dispensed with the permission of the *Imam* or his representative, for the public interests in general, such as the mosques, universities, educational establishments, Islamic propagation, the annament of the Islamic army, construction of roads and bridges, and helping the poor, etc.
2. The share of the orphans, the needy and *Ibnus-Sabil* of the Hashimites, i.e. the descendants of Hashim, the Prophet's grandfather.

The Khums Conditions [Precepts]

1. The donor of the *Khums* must be mature and sane.
2. The *Khums* is a kind of worship, so, one has to make the *Niyyah* on paying it, saying that one is

paying the *Khums* "*Qurbatan lla-Llah*" i. e. for the pleasure of Allah.

3. The *Khums* does not apply to the capital used for business, trade, agriculture and other professions. It is enjoined only on the surplus of one's yearly needed expenditure.

4. If the *Khums* was paid on an amount, then it would no longer be applied to the same amount in the following years. So, the *Khums* is paid on a property only once.

Discussion

Q1. Complete the following phrases:

a. The *Khums* is divided into two shares: and

b. Of the rules (precepts) of the *Khums* are:.....and

Q2. To what things does the *Khums* apply?

1. "Ma'alimul-Madrasatayn", by Al-Allamah Al-Askari vol. 2, p. 114, quoted from "Majmu'atul-Watha'iq As-Siyasiyyah" by Muhammad Hamidullah, p. 142, No. 157, quoted from "Jam'ul-Jawami" by As-Suyuti and "Makatibur-Rasul" by "Ali Ibn Husayn Ibn Ali Al-Ahmadi, p. 375, Yasin Publications, Bahman, 1363 H. Sh.

2. According to the four sects these are not liable to the *Khums*, no matter how much they may be.

3. The Shafi'is say: "the spoils, which mean the *Khums*, are to be divided into five shares, one is the share of the Prophet (s) which is spent on the interests of the Muslims. Another share is given to the near kins who are the descendants of Hashim (on their paternal side), whether poor or rich. The other three shares are to be spent on the orphans, the needy and Ibnus-Sabil, whether descendants of Hashim or not." The Hanafis say: "The Prophet's share had been dropped by his death. As to his near kins, they are treated as the other poor people, not because of their kinship to the Prophet (s)." The Malikis say: "The *Khums* is to be handled by the Imam to spend it on what he sees of interest".

Al-Hajj [Pilgrimage to Mecca]

Allah, the Exalted, says:

"....And Hajj (pilgrimage) to the House is incumbent by Allah upon the people whoever is capable of performing it, and whoever denies (it), then surely Allah is above any need of the worlds."
(3:97)

Performing the *Hajj* was made obligatory in the 9th year of the Hijrah. It is one of the basic foundations of Islam, and a sacred devotional act through which Muslims get nearer to Allah, the Exalted.

Further verses and many Traditions confirm that the *Hajj* is *Wajib*, (obligatory) and stress its significance and importance, as shown in the above verse, and in the following Tradition which attaches great

importance to this holy duty: "The accepted *Hajj* has no reward but Paradise, and from a *Umrah* [the minor *Hajj*] to the next it would be considered *Kaffarah* (expiation) for what would be in between."¹

The *Imam* Ja'far As-Sadiq (a.s.) said: "The religion [Islam] remains as firmly established long as the *Ka'bah* remains so."²

The Objectives and Advantages of the Hajj

In addition to the fact that the *Hajj* is a holy devotional duty, it has many objectives in the human life. The feeling of brotherhood and equality would be obtained by practising it: All wear the unified [towellike] *Ihram* while performing the *Umrah* and the *Hajj*, a very simple and modest dress worn by the *Hajj* (pilgrim), while shouting the same cry:

"Labbayk A Allahumma Labbayk. Labbayka La Sharika Laka Labbayk. Innal-Hamda Wan-Ni'mata Laka Wal-Mulk. La Sharika Laka Labbayk," [O Allah, here I am (at Your service)! Here I am! (O You) Who have no partner, here I am! Praise, blessing, and kingdom are Yours, (O You) Who have no partner, here I am!].

All, thus, feel that there is no distinction among them in their servitude to Allah. In the *Hajj* season Muslims gather together, discuss the affairs of their lives, and beliefs, become acquainted with one another's social and political problems and exchange experiences, advices, opinions and good habits.

Through the *Hajj* rituals the *Hajj* grows accustomed to patience, good behaviour, modesty, sociability as well as avoiding lying, backbiting, enmity, etc. so the *Hajj* is the season for teaching and educating the Muslim, besides being a worshipping service expiating one's sins and bringing about forgiveness.

In the *Hajj*, there are economic and living advantages. On the tenth of *Dhul-Hijjah* a large number of animals are slaughtered as sacrifices. They can be used to feed the poor and the needy. Thus, the slaughtered animals, can be used to overcome hunger and poverty suffered worldwide by some Muslims.

Conditions of the Hajj being Wajib

Performing the *Hajj* once in one's life is *Wajib* according to the following conditions:

1. To be able to financially afford it and physically endure it, as the *Hajj* is not *Wajib* except on the Muslim who owns enough money to cover all the expenditure of himself and his family during his pilgrimage, and who is strong enough to bear the difficulties of the journey and the rites of the *Hajj*, provided that the journey is safe and no danger is expected against oneself, family and property.
2. Maturity, it is not *Wajib* on a minor to perform the *Hajj*, even if other conditions of the *Hajj* were present.

3. Sanity, as it is not *Wajib* on the mad.
4. Freedom, that is, he must not be a slave owned by another person.

The Kinds of Hajj

There are three different kinds of *Hajj*:

1. *Hajjul Ifrad*: This is the *Hajj* which is *Wajib* on the *Mustafi* [the one who has all the conditions required for the performance of the *Hajj*] who lives in Mecca or within 86 km around it. It is called "*Hajjul-Ifrad*" because the *Hajj* comes to the *Hajj* without a *Hady* [a sacrificial animal like a sheep, a camel, etc].
2. *Hajjul-Qiran*: It is the same as above, but the *Hajj* comes to the *Hajj* bringing a *Hady*.

In these two different kinds of *Hajj*, the *Hajj* must perform the *Hajj* before performing the *Umrah*.

3. *Hajjut-Tamattu*³, which is *Wajib*⁴ on those who live farther than 16 *Farsakhs* (86 km). In this *Hajj* the *Umrah* is to be performed before performing the *Hajj*.

The Wajib (Obligatory) Rituals of the Hajj

These rituals consist of two obligatory rituals:

1. The *Umrah* (*Umratur-Tamattu*)
2. The duties of *Hajj* (*Hajjut-Tamattu*)

First: Umratur-Tamattu

Umratur-Tamattu is to be performed prior in time to *Hajjut-Tamattu*. It consists of 5 acts;

1. The *Haram* [putting on the special dress for the occasion], starting from any one of the following *Mawaqit* [places assigned for wearing the *Haram*] which are on different roads to Mecca. These are:
 - a. *Masjidush-Shajarah*.
 - b. *Al-Juhfah*
 - c. *Wadil-Aqiq*
 - d. *Yalamlam*
 - e. *Qarnul Manazil*

The time to wear the *Ihram* for this *Umrah* starting from any day of the month of *Shawwal* through the

month of *Dhul-Qi'dah* up to the 9th of the month of *Dhul-Hijjah*, the day on which the pilgrims are to start the rites in Arafat. During that period we are allowed to make the *Niyyah* for the *Hajj*, wear the *Ihram* for *Umratut-Tamattu*, which is part of the *Hajj* duty, and then, having finished the manasik [the rites of the *Umrah*] the *Hajj* wears his common clothes releasing himself from the *Ihram's* obligations—which implies the meaning of *Tamattu*, and waits for the *Hajj* on the 9th of *Dhul-Hijjah* to perform the manasik of the *Hajj*. The process of *Ihram* consists of:

- a. The *Niyyah*.
 - b. Wearing the two dresses of *Ihram*.
 - c. *At-Talbiyah*; that is repeating the recitation of "*Labbayka Allahumma Labbayk, Labbayka La Sharika Laka Labbayk. Innal-Hamda Wan-Ni'mata Laka Wal-Mulk, Lasharika Laka Labbayk.*"
2. The *Tawaf* around the *Ka'bah* seven times.
 3. Performing a 2 *Rak'ah Salatut-Tawaf* behind *Maqam Ibrahim* (a.s.).
 4. *As-Sa'y*, [running] between *As-Safa* and *Al-Marwah* [places near the *Ka'bah*] seven times.
 5. *At-Taqsir*, which means cutting off hair from one's head, beard or, moustaches, or clipping the nails.

Explanation:

The *Niyyah* is *Wajib* for every act of the *Umrah* and the *Hajj*.

Second: Hajjut-Tamattu

Hajjut-Tamattu consists of thirteen *Wajib* acts:

1. The *Ihram*, which begins in Mecca, better if started in *AlMasjidul-Haram* [the mosque in which the *Ka'bah* is located], where the *Hajj* wears the two dresses of *Ihram*, makes the *Niyyah* to perform *Hajjut-Tamattu*, begins the *Talbiyah* and sets off for Arafat.
2. The stopover in Arafat, which means staying in Arafat on the 9th of *Dhul-Hijjah*, from noon till sunset, then setting off for Muzdalifah after sunset.
3. As a precaution, it is better for the *Hajj* to stay overnight in Muzdalifah, as it is *Wajib* for him to stay in Muzdalifah from the dawn of the day of the *Eid* until sunrise, as it is not allowed to leave the place before sunrise. It is sufficient, however, to stay for a short while, then proceed to Mina.
4. Throwing seven pebbles at *Jamratul-Aqabah* in Mina on the 10th of *Dhul-Hijjah*.
5. Sacrificing a sheep, a goat a cow, or a camel (sound and healthy) in Mina on the 10th of *Dhul-Hijjah*.
6. Shaving the head (if it was one's first pilgrimage) for men, while women are to cut some of their hair.

This is to take place in Mina on the 10th of *Dhul-Hijjah* then returning to Mecca to complete the *Wajib* acts of *Hajj* in Mecca like:

- a. Performing seven circumambulations (*Tawafs*) around the *Ka'bah*, with the intention of performing *Hajjut-Tamattu*. Each round is to start from *Al-Hajarul-Aswad* [the black stone fixed in the wall of the *Ka'bah*], and to end at it, during which the *Hajj* is to keep his left side towards this stone.
- b. *Salatut-Tawaf* which is a 2 *Rak'ah Salat* to be performed behind *Maqam Ibrahim* (a.s.), with the *Niyyah* of *Hajjut-Tamattu*.
- c. *Sa'y* from *As-Safa* to *Al-Marwah* and back, seven times, with the same *Niyyah*, starting from *As-Safa* and ending at *Al-Marwah*.
- d. *Tawafun-Nisa*⁵, which is also seven rounds around the *Ka'bah*
- e. *Salatu-Tawafin-Nisa*, which is a 2 *Rak'ah Salat* performed behind *Maqam Ibrahim* (a.s.) after which the *Hajj* is to go back to Mina once again, to complete the rest of the *Hajj* rites like:
- f. Slaying in Mina on the 11th, 12th and 13th nights for the one who was still in Mina during the sunset of the 12th day (of *Dhul-Hijjah*).
- g. Throwing seven pebbles at the three *Jamarat* [places], starting from the first, then the middle, then the *Aqabah* on the 11th and 12th days. This is to be repeated on the 13th day by the one who had to stay in Mina during the night of the 13th.

By this the rites of the *Hajj* are completed.

Forbidden Acts During Haram

Having started the *Ihram*, and worn *Ihram* dress, the *Hajj* he must refrain from practising certain acts which become *Haram* to him as long as he has not finished the rites of the *Hajj*. These acts are:

1. Hunting, taking part in hunting, killing (except wild beasts which may injure people) and eating wild animals.
2. Having Sexual intercourse with one's spouse, as well as masturbation.
3. Concluding a marriage contract for oneself, for others⁶ or even taking part in it as a witness.
4. The use of perfume, eye make-up, hair ointments, looking in a mirror to beautify oneself, wearing rings as adornment and wearing jewelry by women, except what is common, provided that these are not to be shown to men, even to the near kin.
5. The wearing of sewn clothes by men, as well as wearing footwear that covers the upper part of the

feet, including socks.

6. Abusing, telling lies, showing lewdness, etc.

7. *Al-Jidal*, which means swearing by Allah!", to confirm an argument, such as saying: "Yes, by Allah! or No, by Allah!"

8. Killing insects of the body, like the flea.

9. Removing hair from the body.

10. Causing bleeding from the body, removal of a molar tooth and clipping the nails.

11. Walking knowingly under the shade, covering the head (for men), and covering the face for women.

12. Cutting down trees and plants from the Mecca district (as was known during the Prophet's days).

13. Carrying weapons.

Recommendable Acts of Hajj

If a *Hajj* wanted to leave Mecca after completing the manasik of the *Hajj*, it is *Mustahabb* for him to make *Tawaful-Wada* [farewell *Tawaf*], with seven rounds around the *Ka'bah*, to touch *Al-Hajarul-Aswad*, thank Allah, praise Him and send blessings on Muhammad and his progeny.

It is also *Mustahabb* to visit the holy shrine of the Messenger of Allah (s) in the Luminous Madinah before the *Hajj* or after it.

The Kaffarahs (Atonements)

If the *Hajj* deliberately committed any of the said *Haram* acts which should not be done during the *Ihram*, he would have to expiate for it. In most cases the expiation is to sacrifice a sheep, a camel, a cow, etc. In other cases according to the violation committed, it is to feed a poor person or more, or to fast for three days.

Discussion

Q1. Mark the true statement with T and the incorrect one with F.

a. *Hajj* is *Wajib* even for minors.

b. *Hajj* is *Wajib* for the sane, mature person who is able to afford it and to bear its difficulties, and is certain of safety.

c. In *Hajjul-Qiran* the *Hajj* brings his *Hady* with him.

Q2. What does the *Ihram* consist of?

Q3. After finishing the manasik in Mina, the *Hajj* returns to Mecca on the 10th to perform five acts, which are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Q4. As soon as the *Hajj* wears the *Ihram*, he will be prohibited from doing certain acts. Describe five of these acts, briefly.

Q5. Why is it called *Hajjut-Tamatu*?

- [1.](#) Sunanun-Nasa'i, by An-Nasa'i, vol 5, Kitab Manasikul-Hajj, p. 112.
- [2.](#) "Wasa'ilush Sh-Shi'ah", by Al-Hurrul-Amili, vol. 8, Kitabul-Hajj, p. 14, 5th ed.
- [3.](#) It is called "Hajjut-Tamattu" because the *Hajj* may enjoy himself within the period between the Umrah and the Hajj, that is after finishing the acts of the Umrah, the things which had been Haram during Ihram become Halal for him, except the cutting down of trees and the plants of the old Mecca district.
- [4.](#) The four sects say: "Every *Hajj*, whether Meccan or not, may choose to perform any one of the three different kinds of Hajj of: At-Tamattu, Al-Qiran, and Al-Ifrad without being Makruh. But Abu Hanifah says that it is Makruh for the Meccan to perform Hajjut-Tamattu and Al-Qiran.
- [5.](#) The four sects say that this Tawaf is not Wajib, as there is no Wajib Tawaf after Tawaful-Hajj.
- [6.](#) Abu Hanifah says: It is allowed to conclude a marriage contract and it would be valid.

Al-Jihad Fisabili-Llah [The Holy war for the sake of Allah]

Allah, the Exalted, says:

"O you who believe! Shall I show you a trade that may deliver you from a painful torment? You should believe in Allah and His Messenger, and strive for the sake of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is better for you, if you do know." (61: 10&11)

Going through a ten-year history of the Islamic Message and the life of the Messenger of Allah (s) and

his Companions in the Luminous Madinah, we find that the said period was one of strife and struggle with the endurance of wealth and life, whereas his strife in Mecca was with the endurance of troubles for the sake of communicating the Message. During his stay in Al-Madinah, he sent and participated in about 80 war campaigns and expeditions, in which he fought offering his wealth and life.

The Messenger of Allah (s) fought with his wealth and life, and his generous Companions did the same, too, in the way of spreading Islam, defending themselves and their belief, and defeating the *Taghuts* [the tyrants], disbelief and corruption, as these are the objectives of Al-*Jihad* in Islam.

So, Al-*Jihad* is a Divine *Wajib*. Had it not been for Al-*Jihad*, Islam would not have spread, and the *Taghuts* would not have been destroyed. By neglecting the *Jihad*, the *Kafirs*, the colonialists and the despots would soon dominate our countries, usurp our wealth and abolish our belief and dignity. Therefore, a Muslim must strive for the sake of Allah with his tongue and pen, to propagate Islam.

Furthermore a Muslim is to fight in the way of Allah against the enemies of Islam and Muslims. He is to defend his religion, homeland, dignity, truth, and justice, offering wealth for the establishment and defence of these causes.

The *Jihad* is a *Wajib Kifa'i*. i. e. if a group of people offered to carry out the *Jihad*, and fulfilled the desired Islamic objectives, then others would be exempted from the participation in the *Jihad*. But if none of the Muslims volunteered to undertake the task, or their number was insufficient, those who stayed behind would be regarded as sinners committing the gravest of sins and disobedience.

Different Kinds of Al-Jihad

Al-*Jihad* is divided into four kinds:

1. Islamic Propagation *Jihad*. This is the *Jihad* waged by Muslims to spread the Message of Islam and to invite the non-Muslims to Islam, as the Messenger of Allah (s), his Companions, and the Muslims after him, used to do. It is a *Wajib* for whoever is capable enough of undertaking it.
2. Defensive *Jihad*: This is a *Wajib* for the purpose of defending the Islamic territory, Islam and Muslim property. When an aggressive enemy attacks Muslims, such as the imperialists who occupy the Islamic lands, like the Zionists who usurped Palestine, then this *Jihad* would become *Wajib* on men, women, and others, to defend themselves, their religion, home, and dignity.

Included in this kind of *Jihad* is the defence against the imperialistic political, cultural, and economical domination, whose aim is to usurp the wealth of the Muslims, weaken their policy and isolate them from their religion. So, all Muslims are to try to encounter the economic and cultural colonialism by all possible means within their reach, so as to drive it away from their country, thus protecting the Islamic sovereignty, integrity and independence.

3. The *Anti-Mutiny Jihad* becomes *Wajib* when some rebel Muslims rise up against, and disobey, the

Islamic State which rules according to the Book of Allah, and the *Sunnah* of the Messenger of Allah (s), and acts on the basis of equity and truth. Such rebels must be fought until the *Mutiny* and the rebellion are suppressed, or the rebels repent and amend.

4. The *Jihad* against *Ahuldh-Dhimmah* [The Jews and Christians] who had broken the covenants they had concluded with Muslims concerning their own affairs with the Islamic State.

Defending One's Life, Property and Honour

The Messenger of Allah (s) said: "Whoever is unjustly killed in defence of his household is a martyr. Whoever is unjustly killed in defence of his property is a martyr. Whoever is unjustly killed in defence of his neighbour is a martyr. And whoever is killed for the sake of Allah, the Exalted and Almighty, is a martyr." (*"Kanzul-Ummal"*/4/425, H. 11227)

Islam takes great care in safeguarding human dignity, man's life and property. Giving him, the right to defend himself, his property, household, dignity, honour and whatever belongs to him. If he or his property were transgressed by some people, such as thieves; robbers, and the like, he would, consequently, have the right to defend himself, his wealth, honour, dignity and household, and he would not be questioned by Allah, nor would he be responsible before the law for the damage or loss inflicted upon the aggressor, who began the aggression.

But he has to ward off the aggression in the quietest way possible, then gradually uses force until he wards off the aggression against himself, his wealth, honour and dignity. But he has no right to transgress the law regarding the aggressor or to go beyond the limits of self-defence.

Discussion

Q1. Explain the basic objectives of the *Jihad* in Islam.

Q2. How should the Muslims who revolt against an Islamic State be dealt with?

Q3. Read the following passage and explain it to your fellow student: "Defending oneself, wealth, honour and dignity is one's legitimate right in Islam, but one has no right to transgress the law regarding the aggressor or to go beyond the limits of self-defence."

The Schools of the Islamic Figh

[Jurisprudenece]

We have learnt that *Fiqh* (jurisprudence) means knowing about the Islamic precepts and laws, the *Halal*, the *Haram*, the *Wajib*, the *Makruh*, the *Mustahabb* the valid, the *Batil* and other rules and regulations.

We have also known that these Islamic precepts and laws have been taken from the Glorious Qur'an and the pure Traditions (*Sunnah*) of the Prophet (s) We have further known that the Muslims during the days of the Messenger of Allah (s), used to directly refer to him to receive instructions on the devotional rituals.

Such as, the *Salat*, the *Hajj*, the *Sawm*, the *Taharah*, etc, or on the issues concerning business dealings, such as the regulations of transactions, buying, selling, leasing, handling land, marriage, divorce, penal code, and so on.

After the demise of the Messenger of Allah (s), certain issues came forth concerning the *Salat*, the *Sawm*, family affairs, business, buying and selling, and many other happenings the like of which did not happen during the days of the Prophet (s). People needed to know their relevant Islamic precepts. They used to refer to some of the Companions of the Prophet (s), like Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), Abdullah Ibn Abbas, and Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud.

The last two took the precepts from *Imam* Ali as he was considered the most knowledgeable among the Prophet's Companions. It is narrated from the Prophet (s) as saying "I am the city of knowledge and Ali is its gate." In fact, in this period, we find the *Fatawa* (verdicts) differ, on some occasions, among the Companions (r.).

When the next generation of, the *Tabi'un*, followed, it witnessed more people practising *Ijtihad*, with differences of opinion in their *Fatawa*. Yet, there were still no sects, as there are today. All the Muslims used to refer to the *Ulama* of the Companions, or the *Tabi'un*, and, to the *Imams* of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.).

At that period there were the *Imams*, *Imam* Ali Ibn Al-Husayn, As-Sajjad (a.s.), the *Imam* Muhammad Ibn Ali Al-Baqir (a.s.) and the *Imam* Ja'far Ibn Muhammad As-Sadiq (a.s.). People referred to them, and took the Islamic precepts from them, and acted accordingly.

It is useful to clarify how the schools of Islamic jurisprudence rose and started working. The division and discord rose widely among the Muslims. After the murder of the third Caliph, Uthman Ibn Affan (may Allah be pleased with him), the Muslims pledged allegiance with the *Imam* Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), but Mu'awiyah Ibn Abi Sufyan refused that *Bay'ah* [allegiance], and was followed only by the people of Ash-Sham [Syria of today].

He established an independent state in Ash-Sham, and appointed his own *Faqihs* and traditionists. This

caused a juristic split among the Muslims, at a time when the Muslims and the great Companions (of the Prophet (s)) believed the *Imam* Ali (a.s.) to be the Guided Caliph, the most learned of all, and the authority of the *Ummah*. When war started between Ali (a.s.) and Mu'awiyah Ibn Abi Sufyan, there was the inclination to follow¹ the *Imam* Ali and his two sons, Al-Hasan and Al-Husayn, all being members of *Ahlul-Bayt* whom Allah Almighty kept uncleanness away from and purified a [thorough] purifying, and whom the Qur'an honoured and whose love and guardianship Allah enjoined on the people.

Hence Shi'ism established as an adherence to *Ahlul-Bayt*, and their followers increased. So adherence to *Ahlul-Bayt* means: Loving and adherent following of them, and believing in their right to the Imamate [*Imaman*] i. e. *Khilafah* after the Prophet (s), and their being authoritative sources in the sciences of *Shari'ah* and its teachings.

Thus, adhering to *Ahlul-Bayt*, or Shi'ism, as a strong and distinct movement, appeared during the struggle with Mu'awiyah and after the martyrdom of the *Imam* Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), and when his son, the *Imam* Al-Hasan, the son of the daughter of the Prophet (S.A) came to the Caliphate.

After the death of the *Imam* Al-Hasan (a.s.) and Mu'awiyah, the struggle between the *Imam* Al-Husayn Ibn Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.) and Yazid Ibn Mu'awiyah. There was a war between them in Karbala (in Iraq) on the 10th of the month of Muaharram, in the year of 61 A.H. The *Imam* Al-Husayn (a.s.) was martyred with 78 of his companions and household.

So far there were no distinct jurisprudential schools, as there are now. However, there were two political groups: On one side there were the *Shi'ah* of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.): Ali, Al-Hasan, Al-Husayn and their offspring after them. On the other side there were those who supported the Umayyads. And at that time there were *Muftis*, who differed in opinion and *Fatwa* (verdict) from the *Imams* of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.).

In the later half of the first century (A.H.) the Islamic teachings and knowledge, spread, such as the interpretation of the Qur'an, traditions (*Hadith*), *Fiqh*, and theology developed and Al-widely spread. There appeared distinguished, *Ulama* and *Faqihs*, such as Sa'id IbnulMusayyab, Al-Hasanul-Basri, Sufyanuth-Thawri, who were contemporaneous with *Imam* Muhammadul-Baqir Ibn Ali Ibn AlHusayn Ibn Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), who was known as "Al-Baqir" for his profound knowledge and vast learning. Other scholars used to learn and acquire knowledge from him.

The Rise [Appearance] of the Jurisprudential [Fiqhi] Sects

The second century witnessed a further spread of jurisprudence (*Fiqh*), and there appeared many schools of *Fiqh* and many *Faqihs* (jurisprudents) who practised *Ijtihad* and inferred many *Fiqhi* precepts. The *Ijtihad* and the inference of *Fiqhi* precepts continued afterwards, and there appeared many *Faqihs* who differed in their opinions and precepts such as the difference in hanging down the arms or folding them in the *Salat*, or in some precepts of the *Wudu*, or of the *Siyam*, marriage, divorce, heritage, etc.

Hereunder we mention today's most renowned Islamic jurisprudential sects:

1. The school of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.), which is known as the *Ja'fari* Sect, or the *Imami Shi'ah*.
2. The *Hanafi* Sect.
3. The *Maliki* Sect.
4. The *Shafi'i* Sect.
5. The *Hanbali* Sect.

Now we are talking briefly about these Islamic *Fiqhi* Sects.

The school of Ahlul-Bayt (a.s.)

It is also called the *Ja'fari* Sect after the *Imam* Ja'far As-Sadiq Ibn Muhammad Al-Baqir Ibn Ali, Zaynil-Abidin, Ibn Al-Husayn Ibn Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.). It is also known as the *Imami Shi'ah*, because they believe in the twelve *Imams* of *AhlulBayt* (a.s.)

Al-Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq (a.s.) was the *Imam* of the Muslims, and the teacher of his contemporary renowned *Ulama* and scholars. So they admitted his deep knowledge, virtues, piety and devotion.

He was born in the year 82 A.H. during, the Umayyad rule. He was brought up and educated under the supervision of his father, the *Imam* Muhammd Al-Baqir (a.s.). He used to lecture on the teachings of the *Shari'ah* in the Prophet's Masjid, as his father used to do. He narrated, quoting his father (a.s.) who quoted his fathers (a.s.) who quoted their grandfather, the Messenger of Allah (s).

He issued thousands of *Fatawa* concerning different *Fiqhi* issues. He offered the *Ulama* and the students a vast knowledge of Islamic teachings, such as monotheism, exegesis of the Qur'an, and the like, with which he enriched the Muslims and gave them deep knowledge of their religion.

Some scholars estimated the number of the trustworthy narrators and students of theology who received their knowledge from the *Imam* Ja'far As-Sadiq (a.s.) as well as those who narrated quoting him, to be 4000 students and narrators.

Among those who studied at his school were a number of the wellknown narrators of the *Hadith* (Tradition,) and heads of the Islamic Sects, such as the *Imam* Abu Hanifah, the *Imam* of the *Hanafi* Sect, the *Imam* Malik Ibn Anas, the *Imam* of the *Malikis*, and others.

The Scholars' Testimonies in Favour of Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq

His contemporary scholars, *Faqihs*, *Imams* and historians had all recognized the *Imam* Ja'far-As-Sadiq's merits, knowledge and asceticism. His merits were also admitted by those who came after him. He was

mentioned with respect, esteem and exaltation. Here are some statements about him:

1. *Imam* Malik Ibn Anas, the *Imam* of the *Malikis*, praising the *Imam* As-Sadiq (a.s.) said: "I used to see frequent Ja'far Ibn Muhammad for quite a time. I never saw him in other than these three states: he was either *Musalli*, *Sa'im* or reciting the Qur'an." [2](#) He also said: "No eye had ever seen, no ear had ever heard, and no heart had ever the occurrence of a more merited [person] than Ja'far Ibn Muhammad As-Sadiq, in his knowledge, devoutness and piety." [3](#)

2. Umar Ibn Al-Miqdam said: "Whenever I looked at Ja'far Ibn Muhammead I realized that he was a descendant of the prophets. No book of *Hadith*, philosophy, asceticism or preaching is void of his speech. They all repeat: "Ja'far Ibn Muhammad As-Sadiq said so-and-so." [4](#)

3. Al-Ya'qubi the famous historian, said: "He was the best of the people, and the best authoritative one versed in the religion of Allah. The people of learning, who took knowledge from him, or heard him lecturing, used to say, when quoting him: The welllearned scholar (*Al-Alim*) told us" [5](#)

4. Describing him, Ash-Shahristani said: "He was of superabundant knowledge of religion, and had a complete hold of philosophy. He renounced all worldly pleasures, and forsook all desires...." [6](#).

5. The *Imam* Abu Hanifah, the *Imam* of the *Hanafis*, describing Ja'far Ibn Muhammad-As-Sadiq (a.s.), said: "I have never seen a more learned authority [on religion] than Ja'far Ibn Muhammad As-Sadiq. When Al-Mansur [7](#) summoned him, he also sent for me and said: "O Abu Hanifah, the people are infatuated with Ja'far Ibn Muhammad, so, prepare for him some hard questions". So, I prepared forty questions. He sent for me in Al-Hirah [8](#). I came, entered, and saw Ja'far Ibn Muhammad sitting on his right side. As soon as I saw Ja'far Ibn Muhammad I dreaded him more than I dreaded Abu Ja'far Al-Mansur. I greeted him, he nodded to me and I sat down. Then he [Al-Mansur] turned to him and said: 'O Abu Abdillah! this is Abu Hanifah. Ja'far said 'yes', then added: 'he did come to us,' (as if he did not like the gossip about his recognizing a man on seeing him.) Al-Mansur turned to me and said: 'O Abu Hanifah! Ask Abu Abdillah your questions, I began asking him my questions and receiving his answers by saying 'You say so-and-so, the Madanis say so-and-so, and we say so-and-so,.. 'Sometimes he might agree with them, and sometimes he might disagree with all of us, until I asked all my forty problems." Then Abu Hanifah added: "Did we not narrate that the most learned is the one who knows better where people differ?" [9](#).

6. The late *Shaykh* Muhammad Abu Zuhrah, Head of the honoured Al-Azhar, said of him: "...We, with the help of Allah and His blessings, had decided to write about the *Imam* Ja'far As-Sadiq. So far I have written about seven of the noble *Imams*. I did not postpone my writing about him because of any inferiority in him. In fact, he has the merit of preceding most of them, and a special merit over the great ones of them, since Abu Hanifah used to quote him, found him the best knowledge able of what people differ about, and regarded him to have vastest and most comprehensive knowledge of the religion.

Imam Malik used to attend his [lectures] as a student and a narrator. He has the merit of teaching Abu

Hanifah and Malik, and this suffices him as an honour. [So,] he cannot be put off because of any defect, nor can anyone else be brought forward because of any superiority. Furthermore, he was a grandson of Ali Zaynul-Abidin (a.s.), who was the master of his contemporary people of Al-Madinah at his time in matters of merits, honour, piety and knowledge.

As his students, he had notables like Ibn Shihab Az-Zuhri and many of the *Tabi'un*. He was the son of Muhammad Al-Baqir (a.s.), who split open knowledge, and reached its inner core (that is the meaning of Al-Baqir). He is the one on whom Allah bestowed intrinsic and additional honour, through his honourable lineage, the Hashimite kinship and the Muhammadan progeny....”[10](#)

Thus, we get to know the high position of Ja'far Ibn Muhammad AsSadiq (a.s.) to whom the "sect of *Ahlul-Bayt*" (a.s.) is ascribed, and which is also called "The *Ja'fari* Sect". He was one of the *Imams* of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.), born when his grandfather, Ali Ibn Al-Husayn, Zaynul-Abidin, was still living, and he was brought up in his and his father's lap. Both his father and grandfather were *Imams* of the Muslims, heads of *Ahlul-Bayat* and teachers of Muslim scholars.

He was a coeval of his grandfather and father for a while, and he learnt from them his Islamic knowledge and teachings. The *Imam* Ja'far As-Sadiq lived for 66 years. He was born in the year 82 A.H. and died in the 148 A.H. He was buried in the Luminous Madinah, in the Baqi Cemetery, near the honoured Masjidun-Nabi [the Prophet's mosque].

Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq narrated thousands of *Ahadith*, and quoted his fathers, the *Imams* of *Ahlul-Bayt* and the Messenger of Allah (s) whereas the narrators and the *Ulama* used to quote him in many fields of knowledge, such as *Tafsir* [exegesis of the Qur'an], jurisprudence, monothesim, ethics (*Akhlaq*), etc. He argued with the scholars and philosophers, refuted the nonreligious, the atheists and the sneakers into Islam, proving the falsity of their deviated opinions and destructive thoughts. He played a significant scientific role in preserving Islam and spreading its teachings.

He used to quote his fathers on the authority of the Messenger of Allah (s), in narrating different *Ahadith*, saying: "My *Ahadith* are my father's, my father's *Ahadith* are my grandfather's; and his are the *Ahadith* of Ali Ibn Abi Talib; and the *Ahadith* of Ali Ibn Abi Talibs are the *Ahadith* of the Messenger of Allah; and the *Ahadith* of the Messenger of Allah are the words of Allah. The Almighty and High."

The sect of *Ahlul-Bayt* is prevalent now in different parts of the world, especially in Iraq, Lebanon, Iran, Pakistan, Indonesia, Turkey, Arab Peninsula, India and other places.

[The Hanafi Sect \(School\)](#)

It was named after Abu Hanifah (may Allah be pleased with him), the *Imam* of the sect. Abu Hanifah's full name is, An-Nu'man Ibn Thabit Ibn Zuti, from Persia. His grandfather was from Kabul[11](#)". He was born in 80 A.H. and died in Baghdad in 150 A.H. and was buried near the Tigris River, his shrine is still known there.

Abu Hanifah was brought up in the city of Kufah, where he was engaged in business for a while, then he turned to acquiring knowledge. He studied under one of the *Tabi'un* by the name of Hammad Ibn Abi Salamah, for some 18 years. He soon became one of the *Ulama* of his time, having his own opinion and practising *Ijtihad*. He depended on both his own opinion and analogy, besides the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*, in inferring his religious verdicts.

Many of his contemporary scholars and *Imams* of other sects refuted him and criticised his dependence on "Opinion and Analogy". Both the *Imams* Muhammad Al-Baqir and Ja'far As-Sadiq (a.s.) criticised his resort to the "Opinion and Analogy", asking him to stick only to the Qur'an and the *Sunnah*. The *Imams* Malik and Ahmad Ibn Hanbal rejected his argument, too.

His school of thought spread in Iraq and in some other parts of the Islamic world. He lived for 52 years under the Umayyads' rule, but he did not support their rule, as he believed that the caliphate belonged only to the sons of Ali (a.s.), and he issued *Fatwa* in support of the revolution of the Alawis [the progeny of Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.)], which was led by Zayd Ibn Ali Ibn Al-Husayn Ibn Ali bn Abi Talib (a.s.). He even issued a *Fatwa* allowing the *Zakat* to be paid to those revolutionaries to support them.

It is worthwhile to mention that Abu Hanifah studied for two years under Zayd Ibn Ali Ibn Al-Husayn, as well as under Abdullah Ibn Al-Hasan Ibn Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.). He also met Al-*Imam* Al-Baqir Ibn Ali Ibn Al-Husayn, argued with him and learnt from him. The Umayyads asked Abu Hanifah to accept the position of a judge, but he refused.

Thereupon, their men imprisoned and whipped him for some days until he nearly died, but the prison-keeper helped him to escape from prison. He travelled to Mecca, and Al-Madinah, living in both places at different times. There he met the Imam Ja'far As-Sadiq (a.s.) studied under him for two years and learnt from him. He often used to refer to these two years by saying: "Had it not been for those two years, An-Nu'man would have perished." He remained there until the fall of the Umayyads and the establishment of the Abbasids.

Abu Hanifah refused to cooperate with the Abbasids. Consequently he was imprisoned by Al-Mansur [the second Abbasid Caliph] who had him whipped until he died after 110 lashes^{[12](#)}. Abu Hanifah (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say, concerning his *Ijtihadi* opinions: "This is my opinion and it is the best which I can think of. If anyone brings another [opinion] we can accept it. It is *Haram* for anyone to issue a *Fatwa* based on my words without knowing my proof."^{[13](#)}

After Abu Hanifah's death, his students, like Abu Yusuf the judge, were on good terms with the Abbasids, making use of their posts as judges to spread their opinions.

[The Miliki Sect \(School\)](#)

It is named after the *Imam* Malik Ibn Anas Ibn Malik Al-Asbahi (may Allah be pleased with him). He belonged to the *Banil-Asbah* tribe of Yemen. *Imam* Malik Ibn Anas was born in the Luminous (Madinah

in 93 A.H., studied under some jurisprudents of his time, like Nafi', the freed slave of Abdullah Ibn Umar (may Allah be pleased with him), and Ibn Shihab Az-Zuhri, and others. He also studied under the *Imam* Ja'far AsSadiq (a.s.) learning *Ahadiith* and *Fiqh* from him.

He used to say about *Al-Imam* As-Sadiq (a.s.): "No eye had seen better than Ja'far Ibn Muhammad." He lived 40 years under the rule of the Umayyads during which he attained fame as a scholar. After the fall of the Umayyads and the establishment of the Abbasid rule, he displayed his inclination towards the Alawis, and his belief in their right of the Caliphate.

He issued a *Fatwa* asking people to support Muhammad Ibn Abdilllah Ibn Al-Hasan Ibn Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), who proclaimed his revolution against the Abbasid rule. He did not see any validity in the allegiances given to the Abbasids, because they were taken forcibly from the people. The Abbasid ruler of AlMadinah, Ja'far Ibn Sulayman, flogged him with fifty lashes until his right shoulder was dislocated due to the force of the lashes.

The Abbasid Caliph, Abu Ja'far Al-Mansur, changed his mind and improved his relations with *Imam* Malik, and asked him to write a jurisprudential book and spread it among the people so that they may act according to it. *Imam* Malik wrote his book "Al-Muwatta including in it his *Fatawa* and *Fiqhi* opinions¹⁴.

By this his *Fiqh* spread out, especially in North Africa and particularly in Andalusia (Spain). His students, who were also judges, helped in spreading his thoughts and opinions. He used to differ with Abu Hanifah on acting according to the jurisprudential opinion and Analogy. *Imam* Malik died in 179 A. H.. Concerning his own *Fiqhi* opinions he used to say: "I am but a human being, I may be right or wrong, so, refer what I say to the Book and the *Sunnah*."¹⁵

The Shafi'i Sect (School)

It was named after *Imam* Muhammad Ibn Idris Ibn Abbas Ibn Uthman Ibn Shafi (may Allah be pleased with him). His lineage goes back to Hashim Ibn Abdil Munalib¹⁶, the Prophet's grandfather.

Imam Ash-Shafi'i was born in 150 A.H., the same year in which *Imam* Abu Hanifah died. His mother undertook raising him up in Yemen, as he was an orphan. As a child of ten years of age, he travelled to Mecca where he learned to read and write. He travelled into the desert, where he lived for seventeen years.

He, then, started learning *Fiqh* and religious knowledge under a number of the *Ulama* of his time, such as Muslim Ibn Khalid Al-Makhzumi and Malik Ibn Anas (the *Imam* of the *Malikis*) under whom he studied his AlMuwatta on *Fiqh*.

After the death of the *Imam* Malik, he returned to Yemen where he undertook some official responsibilities. During the rule of Ar-Rashid in 148 A.H. he and some other groups were accused by the governor of Yemen, of being supporters of the Alawis and that they propagated for them.

They were dispatched to Baghdad to be tried with others. Some were killed, while Ash-Shafi'i escaped death, travelled to Egypt and lived there. His school of thought spread there as well as in other Islamic counties, by him and his followers. *Imam* Ash-Shafi'i died in 198 A.H.

He used to say about his fiqhi opinions: "If a true *Hadith* was contrary to my opinion¹⁷, strike my opinion against the wall."¹⁸

The Hanbali Sect (School)

It was named after its *Imam*, Ahmad Ibn Muhammad Ibn Hanbal (may Allah be pleased with him), whose lineage went back to an Arabic tribe. He was born in 164 A.H. in Baghdad, where he was educated at the age of fifteen.

He was a student of Ash-Shafi'i, Abu Yusuf the judge (himself a student of Abu Hanifah) and other *Ulama*. He also learned from other *Faqihs* of his time, such as Jarir, a student of *Allmam* As-Sadiq. His school of thought did not spread like the other sects among the Muslims. The followers of this sect are now mostly in Al-Hijaz and in some other regions of the Islamic world. Ahmad Ibn Hanbal died in Baghdad in 241 A.H.

Explanation

These five Islamic sects, which we have been talking you about are not the only Islamic schools of jurisprudence, though they are the most famous ones. As a matter of fact there are many other sects, such as the sect of *Imam* Zayd Ibn Ali Ibn Al-Husayn Ibn Abi Talib, which is now current in Yemen. It is very close to the sect of Abu-Hanifah, who, as we have mentioned, studied under Zayd Ibn Ali.

There were other sects followed by the Muslims who acted according to their own opinions, such as the sect of Al-Awza'i who died in 157 A.H. This sect spread among the people of Ash-Sham during the days of *Imam* Malik. It also spread in Andalusia, then died away and was replaced by Ash-Shafi'i's sect.

Another sect was that of Al-Hasanul-Bari who died in 110 A.H., the sect of Ash-Shi'bi who died in 105 A.H., the sect of Sufyan AthThawri who died in 161 A.H., the sect of Ibn Hazm Al-Andalusi, and other sects which also had jurisprudential opinions and *Fatawa* practised by the people, but they died away, and there remained only the five sects; (The *Ja'fari*, the *Hanafi*, the *Maliki*, the *Shafi'i* and the *Hanbali*)

Moreover, there is the Zeydi sect which has followers in Yemen, and The Ibadiyyah sect, which has followers in the Arabian Peninsula.

All Muslims Are a Single Ummah

We know that Islam, which had been brought by the Prophet Muhammad (s) has no sects and no differing precepts. The present differences have stemmed from the *Ijtihad* of the jurisprudents.

Therefore, it is *Wajib* (incumbent) on every Muslim to search for the correct religious precept when he sees that the jurists differ on it, and to follow the jurist whom he finds to be most fit to be followed.

The Head of Al-Azhar, the late *Shaykh* Mahmud Shaltut (may Allah have mercy on him) issued a *Fatwa* to the effect that the Muslims are one *Ummah*, and that the differences among the sects are but differences in *Ijtihad* and *Fatwa*. He said:

1. Islam does not impose upon any of its followers to act according to a particular sect. In fact, every Muslim has the right to start following any one of the sects whose teachings had strictly been quoted and written down in its books. However, any person who had followed any one of such sects would also have the right to switch to any other one without being blamed for it.
2. The *Ja'fari* sect, known as the sect of the twelve-*Imami Shi'ah*, is a sect by which worship is allowed and lawful, like any other Sunni sect. All Muslims are to understand this and rid themselves of their unjustified sectarian fanaticism. Neither the religion of Allah, nor the *Shari'ah* have ever belonged to a particular sect or confined to it. But all are *Mujtahids* and acceptable of Allah, the Exalted. Those who are not trained to be *Mujtahids* themselves are allowed to be *Muqallids* of the *Mujtahids*, and act according to their jurisprudential decisions, whether these be on issues of worship or transactions"¹⁹.

Therefore, we know now that the diverse jurisprudential opinions dominant these days are but the opinions of different *Mujtahids* and *Faqihs*, inferred according to their respective *Ijtihad*. However, we have to carefully go through the different *Fatwas* about which there are differences of opinion among the *Faqihs*. We must then act according to the precept which was based on correct proof, and a sound understanding.

Discussion

Q1. Complete the following statements:

- a. The sect of *Ahlul-Bayt* (a.s.) was called the *Ja'fari* Sect after the name of *Imam*It is also called
- b. The *Fiqh* spread and the Islamic jurisprudential sects appeared in the century A.H.
- c. There remained of the well-known Islamic jurisprudential sects none but the following the sects: , , , ,
- d. Retell the opinions of some *Ulama* concerning *Imam* Ja'far AsSadiq (a.s.).

Q2. Write a short essay, inviting Muslims to unity and to avoid divisions.

(*Wal-Hamdu Li-Llahi Rabbil-Alamin*)

- [1.](#) Historians say that a number of Muslims began gathering around Imam Ali (a.s.) as his Shi'ah [followers] as early as when Muslims differed on the Bey'ah [allegiance to the Prophet's successor] in the Saqifah meeting, on the same clay of the Prophet's demise. But the first who issued (released) the term Shi'ah was the Prophet (s) himself. As Ibn Al-Athir narrated from the Messenger of Allah (s) as saying: "O Ali you and your Shi'ah will come to Allah well-pleased (with Him) and well-pleasing (Him), whereas your enemy will come to Allah enraged and furious, on thier necks chains, and they have their heads raised aloft."
- [2.](#) "Malik" by Muhammad Abu Zuhrah, p. 28, quoted from "Al-Madarik" by AlQadi Iyad, p. 212.
- [3.](#) Al-Manaqib" by Ibn Shahrashub, vol. 4, p. 248.
- [4.](#) Ibid, p. 249, quoted by Abu Na'im in his "Hilyatul-Awilya".
- [5.](#) "Tarikhul-Yaqubi", vol. 3, p. 119, ed. 1964.
- [6.](#) "Al-Milal Wan-Nihal", the margin (sidenotes), by Ibn Hazm, vol. 1, p. 224.
- [7.](#) Abu Ja'far Al-Mansur, the second Abbasid Caliph.
- [8.](#) Al-Hirah; a town in Iraq, formerly the capital of the Abbasids before Baghdad was built.
- [9.](#) Manaqib Abi-Hanifah" by Muwaffaq, vol. 1, p. 173, and "and "Jami Asanid Abi Hanifah", vol. 1, p. 222, and "Tadkiratul-Huffaz" by Adh-Dhahabi, vol. 1, p. 157.
- [10.](#) Al-Imam As-Sadiq" by Muhammad Abu Zuhrah, p. 3.
- [11.](#) The capital of Afghanistan.
- [12.](#) "Abu Hanifah" by Muhammad Abu Zuhrah, pp. 32-34, quoted from Manaqib Abi-Hanifah" by Makki, an extract from "Mabadi'ul-Ammah Lil-Fiqha-Ja'fari" by Hashim Ma'ruf Al-Hasani.
- [13.](#) "Al-Imamus-Sadiq Wal-Madhahibul-Arba'ah" by Asad Haydar, vol. 1, p. 175, quoted from "Jala'ul Uyun by Al-Alusi, p. 107, quoted from Ibn Taymiyyah.
- [14.](#) Some historians have said: He wrote "Al-Muwatta" at the demand of the Abhasid caliphs Al-Mansur and Al-Mahdi.
- [15.](#) Al-Imamu-Sadiq Wal-Madhahibul-Araba'ah," by Asad Haydar, vol. 1, p. 175.
- [16.](#) Some historians said: "His grandfather, Nafi', was a slave of Abu Lahab, the Prophet's uncle, and he was not from Banu Hashim."
- [17.](#) By that he meant that if his Fatwa was different from the Hadith, it would be Batil.
- [18.](#) Imam As-Sadiq Wal-Madhahihul-Arba'ah" by Asad Haydar, vol. 1, p. 175.
- [19.](#) "Ar-Rasul Wash-Shi'ah" by Hasan As-Sa'id, p. 85.

Glossary of the Arabic and Islamic Terms

A

Adhan: The special call announcing that it is now time for performing the *Salat*.

Ahlul-Bayt: The family of the Messenger of Allah (s) consisting of the Prophet (s) himself, his daughter Fatimah (a.s.), her husband *Imam* Ali Ibn Abi Talib (a.s.), and their offspring who became *Imams*.

Alim (pl. *Ulama*): An Islamic scholar.

Akhlaq: ethics, manners, morality.

Akhaqi: ethical, moral

Asr: Afternoon.

B

Basmalah: Short for "*Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Rahim*", i.e. "In the name of Allah, the Merciful the Beneficent".

Batil: A ritually invalid or incorrect act.

D

Dhimmi: A follower of a Divine Book (a Christian or a Jew) who lives under the Islamic Rule, and gets protection for fulfilling his obligations towards the Islamic state.

Dhul-Hijjah: The 12th month of the Islamic calendar.

Du'a: Invocation; benediction; prayer, supplication.

F

Faqih: (Pl. *Fuqaha*): An Islamic jurist.

Fatwa: (Pl. *Fatawa*): A decree issued by a religious authority on the religious matters.

Fiqh: The Islamic Jurisprudence.

G

Ghurub: Sunset

Ghusl: A ritual bathing in a specified manner

H

Hadath: A state or act which either invalidates *Wudu* only or requires ritual *Ghusl*

Al-Hadathul-Akbar: The act or state of impurity requiring *Ghusl*, such as the states of *Janabah*, *Hayd*, etc.

Al-Hadathul-Asghar: The state or act which invalidates *Wudu*, such as, urinating excreting faeces, sleeping, and passing (breaking) intestinal wind.

Hadith: A narrative (narration) quoted from the Prophet (s), his Companions and our 12 *Imams* (a.s.).

Hady: The animal offered for the sacrifice during the *Hajj* rituals.

Hayd: A woman in the state of menstruation.

Hajj: A person who is performing the *Hajj* rituals.

Hajj: The ritual pilgrimage to Mecca.

Halal: Religiously lawful, permitted, allowed.

Haram: Religiously unlawful, forbidden, prohibited.

Hayd: Menses, menstruation, monthly Period.

Hijrah: The year on which the Prophet (s) and his Companions migrated from Mecca to Al-Madinah.

Hilal: The new moon.

I

Ibnus-Sabil: A wayfarer (traveller) who is cut off his means

Eid: Feast.

Eidul-Adha: The feast on the 10th day of *Dhul-Hijjah*.

Eidul-Fitr: The feast on the 1st day of *Shawwal*.

Iftar: Breaking the fast, breakfasting.

Ihram: The wrappings, the dresses worn by the *Hajj* during the *Hajj*, the period of wearing them.

Ijtihad: The capability and endeavouring of the *Mujtahid* to deduce the Islamic precepts from their basic sources: the Qur'an and the *Sunnah* by means of valid proofs.

Al-Ikhfat: Reciting inaudibly (softly) [in prayers].

Iman: Faith or belief in Allah and His Messenger.

Iqamah: A traveller's stay for a specified period in a place, a *Mustahabb* preparatory recitation before performing the *Salat*.

Irtimasi: By immersion in water.

Isha: The period following sunset at dusk time

Istita'ah: Ability, capability.

Itmam / Tamam: To perform the 4 *Rak'ah Salats* completely not in the *Qasr* form.

J

Jabirah: A splint, bandage, ointment, etc. put on a wound.

Al-Jahr: Reciting audibly. [esp. in prayers]

Jama'ah: Congregation (al), in congregation, a group.

Janabah: The state of being *Junub* after masturbation or sexual intercourse.

Jihad: Holy war, campaign for the sake of Allah.

Jima: Sexual intercourse.

Jumu'ah: Friday.

Junub: One who is impure because of being in a state of *Al-Hadathul-Akbar* *Al-Janabah* which requires the *Ghusl* for the *Salat*.

K

Ka'bah: The holy place in Mecca, and is the goal of Islamic pilgrimage, and the direction of the *Qiblah*.

Kafan: The cloths in which a dead body is wrapped, shroud.

Kaffarah: Atonement, expiation.

Kafir: A disbeliever, infidel.

Khutbah: A speech, an oration, a sermon.

Khums: One-fifth of the acquired wealth.

Kurr: A quantity of water regarded as *Tahir* and *Mutahhir* if not less than 377.5 kg or in volume 384.0 litres.

M

Maghrib: The time of disappearance of the reddish colour of the eastern horizon after sunset.

Makruh: Undesirable, advised not to be done.

Ma'mum: One who performs the *Salat* behind an *Imam*.

Manasik: Certain rituals done on certain occasions, such as *Manasikul-Hajj*.

Mash: Wiping a certain part of the body, as in *Wudu*.

Masjid: Mosque.

Massul-Mayyit: Touching the dead body of a human being, an act requiring a *Ghusl*.

Maytah: The dead body of an animal, or the meat of an animal not slaughtered according to the Islamic precepts.

Mayyit: The deceased, a human dead body, corpse.

Mecca: Name of the holy town in Al-Hijaz, where some of the *Hajj* rituals are performed, and where the *Ka'bah* is situated.

Mubah: Religiously permissible, allowed.

Mu'adhdhin: One who recites the *Adhan* aloud.

Muftir: One who is not fasting.

Mufattir: (Pl. *Mufattirat*): Acts or things which render fasting *Batil*.

Mujnib: One who is *Junub* or is in the state of *Janabah*.

Mukallaf: One who has reached the puberty age and, therefore, has become responsible for the performance of the religious duties.

Muqaddimah: Preparatory act, introductory act.

Muqallid: One who follows the opinions (*Fatwas*) of a religious authority in the religious matters.

Musafir: A traveller, one who is on a journey.

Musalli: One who is performing the *Salat*.

Mustahabb: Supererogatory, a recommended and desirable act which procures Divine reward, commendable.

Mustahiqq: One who deserves receiving due-alms.

Mustati': One who is capable of going to the *Hajj*.

Mutanajjis: That which has become *Najis* (impure and unclean).

Mutahhir: (Pl. *Mutahhirat*) That which makes a *Mutanajjis* thing *Tahir*.

Mutawaddi: One who has performed the *Wudu*.

N

Nafilah: (Pl. *Nawafil*) *Mustahabb Salat*, supererogatory prayer.

Nafsa: A woman in the state of *Nifas*.

Najasah: (Pl. *Najasat*) Things which are ritually impure or not *Tahir*, and cannot be made *Tahir* by itself.

Najis Ayni: adj. impure (not *Tahir*) in itself.

Nifas: Bleeding period after childbirth.

Nisab: Prescribed quantity, number of items liable to due *Zakat* and *Khums*.

Niyyah: intention.

Q

Qiblah: The direction of *Ka'bah* to which every *Musalli* must face when performing the *Salat*.

Qada: Performing a lapsed obligatory *Salat* or *Sawm* which had not been performed in its due time.

Qasr: A shortened form of the 4 *Rak'ah Salat* to a 2 *Rak'ah Salat*, for the travellers.

R

Rajab: The 7th month of the Islamic Calendar.

Rak'ah: A unit of the *Salat*.

Ramadan: The 9th month of the Islamic Calendar.

Rukn: A principal part of the *Salat*.

Ruku: The ritual bowing in the *Salat*, ritual genuflection.

S

Sa'im: One who is fasting.

Sajdah: (or *Sujud*) The ritual prostration in the *Salat*: or in worshipping.

Sajdatus-Sahw: Two *Sajdahs* performed as an atonement for an inadvertent act done in the *Salat*.

Sawm (or *Siyam*): Fasting in *Ramadan* month.

Ash-Shahidatan: The two testimonies: *Ashhadu An La Ilaha IllaLlah, Wa Ashhadu Anna Muhammadan Rasulu-Llah*. [I testify that there is no God except Allah, and that Muhammad (s) is His Messenger].

Shari'ah: The Islamic Divine Law.

Shawwal: The 10th month of the Islamic Calendar.

Subh: Morning.

Sunnah: The traditions and conduct of the Prophet (s)

T

Tabi'un: Those who lived with, and learnt from the Companions of the Holy Prophet (s)

Tafsir: an exegesis, explanation.

Taghut: Tyrant.

Tahirah: The state of being *Tahir*.

Tahir: Ritually being pure and clean according to the *Shari'ah*.

Takbir: To say: "*Allahu Akbar*".

Takbiratul-Ihram: The first *Takbir* in the *Salat* said just after making the *Niyyah*.

Tamam / Itmam: Performing the 4 *Rak'ah Salats* completely, not *Qasr*.

Taqlid: To follow a *Mujtahid's Fatwas* in performing one's religious duties.

Tarakhkhush: (Limit of) A distance at which a traveller cannot hear the *Adhan* from the town he has left behind, or a distance from which it is difficult to distinguish the walls of the town.

Tartib: Sequence, ordinal of the ritual acts.

Tawaf: Circumambulation around the *Ka'bah* as a part of the rituals of the *Hajj*.

Tawhid: Monotheism, Oneness of God.

Tayammum: A kind of "dry purification" done with clean soil instead of the *Wudu* or the *Ghusl*.

U

Ummah: Nation, the whole Muslim community.

Umrah: A kind of *Hajj* to Mecca (minor *Hajj*)

W

Wajib: Obligatory, binding.

Wajib Ayni: Obligatory on every *Mukallaf* individually.

Wajib Kifa'i: A duty which remains *Wajib* upon the Muslims as a whole, but if some individuals have carried it out, other Muslims would be exempted from the responsibility.

Wudu: Islamic Ritual ablution usually before the *Salat*.

Z

Zakat: A certain Islamic obligatory tax on certain items.

Zakitul-Fitr (Al-Fitrah): A Due-Alms given on *Eidul-Fitr*.

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