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Answer the following questions.

Q1: What is the meaning of Zakat? and explain its objectives.

Ans: **ZAKAT:-**

MEANING:-

Zakat literally means "that which purifies". Zakat is considered a way to purify one's income and wealth from sometimes worldly, impure ways of acquisition.

IMPORTANCE OF ZAKAT:-

Zakat is the compulsory giving of a set proportion of one's wealth to charity. It is regarded as a type of worship and of self-purification. Zakat is the third "pillar of Islam". Zakat is a religious obligation, ordering all Muslims who meet the necessary criteria to donate a certain portion of wealth each year to charitable causes. Zakat is the necessary part of, like praying, fasting, performing Hajj. Zakat builds a considerate and sympathetic society where wealth does not selfishly get collected only in the

hands of a few but is shared to the needy people as well. Zakat is a way of ensuring that the rich should not forget the need of the less fortunate in a society. Islam gives a great importance to helping the poor and needy people. However, it ensures a prosperous and more equitable economy. So that Zakat is only made for the poor. It is the important obligation of Muslims. It is must for every Muslim to take Zakat from their wealth and share them to needy and disabled individuals in society.

"The believers must win through those who humble themselves in their prayers; who avoid vain talk; who are active in deeds of Zakat."

"So establish regular prayers, give regular Zakat and hold fast to Allah. He is your protector, the best to protect and the best to help."

OBJECTIVE OF ZAKAT:-

The basic objective of paying Zakat is to create balance in the society and never let a poor and needy to suffer or die. The Zakat is compulsory when we have a specific amount of gold, silver or other

properties that can be weighed and calculated. In the Holy Quran, it has been emphasized too many times to offer prayers and to pay Zakat. The basic purpose of Zakat is to maintain economic balance in society so that circulation of wealth continues from rich to poor and never stays in one hand. In this way, we can overcome poverty and other social evils from our society. The Zakat purifies our wealth as it goes into the hands of rich to poor, stabilizes economic condition of the society and ensures that each person is benefitted from the wealth. The rich people have to pay Zakat so that differences and gap between rich and poor is reduced and this way we can guarantee human rights at all. The Zakat helps to shape the human character of the rich people as it saves them from greediness and selfishness and it establishes the concept of brotherhood and unity.

"My mercy encompasses all things, but I will specify it for the righteous who give Zakat."

(The Quran: verses)

Wealth is usually earned individually by hard work and intense dedication, so when we give or share even a small portion of this and intense dedication - so when we give or share it reflects our strong faith in Allah. It makes us realize what is given by the grace of Allah and what we spend - Allah is pleased with those who spend happily in his cause.

"You who believe, you shall give to charity from the good things you earn, and from what we have produced for you from the earth. Do not pick out the bad therein to give away, when you yourself do not accept it unless your eyes are closed. You should know that Almighty is rich, Praise worthy."

"Just as ablution purify the body and salat purify the soul in Islam so Zakat purifies possessions and makes them pleasing to God"

Zakat is based on the value of all of one's possessions. It is customarily 2.5% or 1/40 of a muslim total savings and wealth

above a minimum amount known as nisab. According to Holy Quran a Muslim should give Zakat to the following types of people like fugara, Al-Masakin, Amil Zakat, Mu'allaf, Ar-Ruqaab, Ibnus-Sabeel, Fi Sabeelillah.

Zakat is not a voluntary charity or tax but it is an obligation as it is one of the five pillars of Islam. By giving Zakat muslims acknowledge every thing belong to Allah. Zakat also carries alot of importance as it is also an act to help us free from excessive desires and greed, learn self discipline and honesty.

Q2:- Write prime categories of prayers and what is the difference between nafil and wajib prayer?

Ans:- PRAYERS:-

Prayer is one of the five pillars of Islam. The most well known and an obligatory act in Islam. Islam is the performance of the five daily prayers, which in Arabic is known as salah. In Quran the salah

means to demonstrate servitude to God by means of certain actions.

PRIME CATEGORIES OF PRAYERS:-

1- FARD PRAYER:-

Fard prayer are compulsory for muslims. If the fard prayer is missed for some reason, it should be made up later. The reward for prayer fard praying in congregation is more than for praying alone.

2- Wajib Prayer:-

Wajib also called witr is an Islamic prayer that is performed at night after isha or before fajr. The status of wajib prayer is very close to that of fard. It is an obligatory prayer. It is lesser importance than the fard prayer but very close to the fard.

3- SUNNAH PRAYER:-

A sunnah prayer is an optional or supererogatory salah that

can be performed in addition to the five daily salah. Sunnah prayer have different characteristics. Some are done at the same time as daily compulsory prayers. Some are only done at certain time eg late night or for specific occasion like during a drought. Some are their own name. It is the practice of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Allah did not command to perform these prayers.

NAFL PRAYER:-

Nafil prayer are optional or voluntary prayers. One can offer nafil prayers depending on one's will. As with sunnah prayer, they are not considered obligatory but are thought to confer extra benefit on the person performing them.

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confer extra benefits on the person performing them. According to the following hadith, nafil not only draws one closer to Allah but also helps one attain the better success in the after world i.e. Jannah.

odd number of rakaat prayer in pairs. In the hadith transmitted by Abu Darda, he states that Muhammad (SAW) enjoyed to him three things; to fast three days every month, to offer the witr salat before sleep and to offer two rakaat sunnah for fajr. It is the last prayer of night.

is not specified in the Quran but is understood to be near. The day of judgment is one of the six articles of faith in Islam. "Only those wish to hasten it who believe not in it; those who believe hold it in awe, and know that it is the truth."

Following are the five major signs before the day of judgment;
1. The coming of Dajal or the exposure of Dajal. The coming down of Isa and Dajal will cause fitnah and fassad like the world has never seen. No one will be able to harm him because Allah has decreed only one person can be kill him and that person is not on earth right now. He will come down and after Dajal has been here for 40 years as the Prophet (SAW) said and he explained what how long is that years then Isa Ibn Maryam will come and Isa will kill him at Babul Lud which is the city of Iod, there is a city of Iod right now still and it is in Palestine, and that is where the Dajal will be killed by Isa Ibn Maryam and the prophet (SAW) said Isa will then gather all of his followers and Allah will tell him

Q3:- Write any five signs of before the day of judgement.

Ans:- DAY OF JUDGEMENT:-

All the muslims believe that at the end of time, all human beings will have to face God and account for their deeds, good or bad. God will judge them accordingly, assigning reward or punishment. The time of the day of judgement

that there is now coming a group of your followers have no power to fight them so flee to the mountains, they are Yajuj and Majuj.

2 The Yajuj and Majuj will come out and the Prophet (SAW) describes so many things about them. He said, "Their faces have small eyes and it is as if there faces are like a shield that has been hammered. So the description that he gave had lead many of the earlier muslims to think that they are a race of the people of the far east and Allah knows bet, and their quantity will be so much that they will pass by the rivers in Tabriya, which is one of the famous lakes of that land which is in Mada-Am-Nahr, Transoxiana, far away in the far east they will pass by. When the first of them pass by they will begin drinking. By the time the last batch of theirs passed by. They will say that they are so much in quantity. They will finish up the entire water.

3- The earthquakes in the east and

the west and in arab. These are massive earthquakes. The whole world will feel them. One in the east and one in the west.

4. Dhukhan is a type of smoke that will happen. We don't know much about it other than their will be a smoke.
5- The sun rising from the west.

Q5:- What is Hajj and explain benefits of Hajj.

Ans- HAJJ:-

The word Hajj is "heading to a place for the sake of visiting". Hajj refers to the annual pilgrimage that muslims embark on to mecca in Saudia Arabia with the intension of visiting holy places and performing certain religious rights in accordance with the way prescribed by Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam. Hajj must be performed once in the life time for those who

are financially and healthy enough to do so.

HAIJ AN ISLAMIC SACRED WRITING:-

HAIJ AN QURAN:-

- Behold, the first house (of prayer) established for human kind is the one at Makkah, a blessed place and a centre of guidance for all people.
- In it there are clear signs (demonstrating that it is blessed sanctuary, chosen by God as the centre of guidance) and the station of Abraham who ever enter it is in security (against attacks and fear).
Pilgrimage to the house is a duty owed to God by all who can afford away to it and who ever refuses (the obligation of the pilgrimage, or is ungrateful to God (by not fulfilling this command), God is absolutely independent of all creation.

HAIJ AN HADITH (SAYING BY PROPHET MUHAMMAD SAW):-

Whoever perform Hajj

to this house (the Ka'bah) and does not commit any wrong doing, he or she will come out as the day he or she was born, pure and free from sins.

RITUALS OF HAIJ:-

There are three types of Hajj.

1) QIRAN:-

Pilgrim performs Umrah and Hajj together and ihram is not taken off until Eid-ul-Adha.

2) TAMATU:-

Pilgrim perform Umrah and Hajj separately but both at the time of Hajj. After completing Umrah, the pilgrim can remove ihram until the day of tawifa (8th of Dhul-Hijjah (first day of Hajj)).

3) IFRAD:-

Pilgrims performs only hajj during the day of hajj. Not compulsory for pilgrim to sacrifice an animal. As Hajj-e-Tamatu is the most popular it will be outlined in detail.

RITUALS OF HAIJ PERFORMING

UMRAH:-

- For Hajj Tamatu, pilgrims usually arrive one or two weeks before the actual start date of Hajj and perform their umrah.
- Umrah consist of getting into a state of ihram, making tawaf around the kabah, doing say (walking seven times between mount safa and mount marwa).
- After the completion of this, the pilgrim can get out of the state of ihram (by shaving, cutting their hairs (males), having a shower and wearing normal clothes).

BENEFITS OF HAIJ:-

1- SOCIAL IMPACT OF HAIJ:-

Hajj is the largest annual gathering of people any where in the world. People of all colours, back grounds and wealth come together as equal in front of

their creator. Once you're there, there is no white, brown or black, there is no rich or poor; there's only muslims. Every one wear the same ihram to signify that no one is better than his muslim brother. This creates unity among the muslims of the world - It fosters brotherhood and love for the sake of Allah.

2) SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF HAIJ:-

As Muslims, we need to always remember Allah in all stages of our life. We must remember him in our homes, our businesses and even just walking down the street. But most of us give in to the pressures of the Dunya (world) and fail to remember our creator. Hajj is the ultimate reminder of Allah.

3) SEEK ABSOLUTION FROM SINS:-

We all are sinners, there is no denying that one of the most important reasons to perform Hajj is to seek forgiveness from Allah. The best part is that the sins of a believer

who's Hajj have been accepted is wiped clean entirely. How merciful is our lord!

Abu Hurayrah narrates that he heard the prophet (SAW) say, "Whoever performs Hajj and does not commit any Rafath or Fusoog, he or she returns free from sin as the day his mother born him".

4) SIGNIFICANCE OF HAJJ IN ONE'S CHARACTER:-

Hajj is the physically and emotionally trying time for the pilgrim. And at the end of it, we would have moved closer to Allah, and have all our sins forgiven. This is an experience that is sure to change ourselves for the better. Hajj teaches us patience, discipline and strengthens.

5) THE ULTIMATE BENEFIT OF HAJJ:-

As a muslim, there is one goal that we all strive towards for the entirety of our life times. We believe that this world is not

a resting place, but just a passing phase. We must do whatever we can to guarantee our place in the highest of heavens. And that's the ultimate reward for Hajj.

Abu-Hurayrah narrated that Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "An accepted Hajj has no reward except paradise".

Qs: What is tawhid and prophethood in Islam?

ISLAM:-

Islam is an arabic word meaning "submission" and in religious context means "submission to the will of God". Islam is derived from the Arabic word "sal'm" which literally means peace. The religion demonstrates peace and tolerance.

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS:-

- 1) Belief in the oneness of God.
- 2) Belief in the Angels of God.
- 3) Belief in the Revelations (Books) of God.
- 4) Belief in the prophets of Gods.
- 5) Belief in the day of judgment.
- 6) Belief in premeasurement (Taqdeer).

7) Belief in resurrection after death.

1) TAWHID:-

Tawhid meaning unification or oneness of God. All muslims believe that there is only one God and he is alone.

"Say, "He is Allah, who is one
Allah, the eternal Refuge.

He neither begets nor is born,
Nor is there to him any equivalent.

The most fundamental belief in Islam is the concept of one God. He, Allah has no son, daughters etc. He does not have partners. He is the one. Praying to images, icons, statues, animals or stone is a sin.

PROPHETHOOD:-

Prophethood refers to God's primary means of communicating with human kind, involving a long and continuous chain of revelation.

Prophethood is an essential need for people. In Islam, prophethood has been given such a special status

and significance and it give a great impact on man's life. The position of the prophets can not be acquired by efforts, spiritual exercise or religious meditation. Prophet were chosen by Allah. Some of the prophet names are Hazrat Adam (as), Hazrat Ibrahim (as), Hazrat Musa (as), Hazrat Dawud (as), Hazrat Isa (as), Hazrat Muhammad (SAW). Prophets are the messengers sent from Allah to help muslims follow the straight path.

