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## QUESTION NO 1

ANSWER:-

### MEANING OF ZAKAT

Zakat is one of the five pillars of Islam. Meaning of zakat is "to purify". Zakat payment is made under Islamic law annually. All muslims are obliged to pay a portion of one's assets to help those are in need. Zakat benefits the giver as well as the receiver.

Zakat also means to remove impediments and help in growth and development. Zakat is based

on the values of all of one's possessions. It is customarily 2.5% or  $\frac{1}{40}$  of a Muslim's total savings and wealth above a minimum amount known as nisab.

According to Islam doctrine, the collected amount of zakat should be paid to the poor and the needy.

## OBJECTIVES 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. Zakat is compulsory when we have a specific amount of gold, silver or other properties. 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. 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 brother hood and unity.

Wealth is usually earned individually by hard work and intense dedication. So when we give or share even a small portion of this, 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.

## QUESTION NO 2

ANSWER:-

### PRAYER

Prayer is the second pillar of Islam. It is a prescribed liturgy

performed five times a day and oriented toward Mecca.

Prayer is a religious service, especially a regular one, at which people gather in order to pray together.

## PRIME CATEGORIES OF PRAYERS

The four prime categories of prayers are:

- Fard Prayer
- Wajib Prayer
- Sunnah Prayer
- Najat Prayer

### FARD PRAYER

Fard prayer is compulsory for Muslims, and if a fard prayer is missed for some reason, it should be made up later. The reward of praying fard prayers in congregation is more than for praying alone.

### WAJIB PRAYER

Wajib prayer is also an obligatory prayer.

It is lesser important than fard prayer.

The "witar prayer" is a wajib prayer.

## SUNNAH PRAYER

Sunnah prayer was the practice of our Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Allah did not command to perform these prayers. But as a follower of Muhammad (SAW) we should follow the sunnah of our prophet (SAW).

## NAFAL PRAYER

Nafal prayers are optional or voluntary prayers.

One can offer nafal prayers depending on one's will.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NAFAL AND WAJIB PRAYER

Wajib prayers are obligatory prayer. Witr is an Islamic prayer that is performed at night after Isha or before Fajr. Witr prayer is wajib prayer.

While nafal prayer are optional prayer, and regarded as extra prayers which bring extra prayers which bring more reward. They are usually performed along with the 5 daily prayers but can be performed at another time as well.

## QUESTION NO 3

ANSWER:-

### FIVE SIGN OF THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

The five greater signs of the day of judgment are:-

① Women will increase in number and men will decrease in number so much so that fifty women will be looked after by one man.

② The false messiah - anti-Christ, Masih ad-Dajjal - shall appear with great powers as a one-eyed man with his right eye blind and deformed like a grape.

Although believers will not be deceived he will claim to be God, to hold the keys to heaven and hell, and will lead many astray. In reality, his heaven is hell, and his hell is heaven. The Dajjal will be followed by seventy thousand jews of Isphahan wearing Persian shawls.

③ Yajooj and Majooj, a daphetic tribe of vicious beings who had been imprisoned by Dhul-Qarnayn, will break out. They will ravage the earth, drink all the water of Lake Tiberias, and kill all the believers in the way. Imam Al-Mahdi, and the believers with them will go to the top of a mountain and pray for the destruction of Yajooj and Majooj. Allah eventually send disease and worms to wipe them out.

④ Sexual immorality appears among people to such an extent that they commity it openly, except that they will be afflicted by plagues and diseases unknown to their forefather.

⑤ The loss of honesty, as well as authority put in the hands of those who do not deserve it.

## QUESTION NO 4

ANSWER:-

### HAJJ

Hajj means worshipping Allah by performing the Hajj rituals, which are defined as specific acts performed at a specific time and place in a specific way. The Hajj is the Pilgrimage to Mecca. It is the fifth of the "five pillars of Islam" which takes place during the Islamic month of Dhu-al-Hajjah. Muslim who can able and afford do so is obliged to make the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in his or her life time.

Hajj is considered as the most sacred site for Muslims.

### BENIFITS OF HAJJ

Those who perform the Hajj, known as Hajjis, may be treated with renewed respect in their communities. They may also gain self esteem for having paid this respect to Allah.

You make the Hajj journey, it will probably involve long and tiring travel. However, one of the benefits of Hajj is to learn patience and to stay strong even when experiencing temptation or tiredness.

A spiritual and historical travel experience. Before, during and after hajj, you can visit places where historical and religious significant event take place.

Strengthen the unity of Muslims, Hajj cleanses the soul, bringing purity, hope and renewal. By strengthening individual faith, it also strengthens the unity of all followers of Islam.

## QUESTION NO 5

ANSWER:-

### TAWHID

Tawhid means "oneness" uniqueness. The concept of Tawhid is that Allah is one and unique, and that there is only one Allah, Allah to be worshiped and obeyed.

The technical meaning of tawhid Allah is on in his being and attributes and he is the only one who is worthy to be worshipped and obeyed.

kinds of tawhid

In being

In attributes

In worship

Tawhid is the main part of Iman.

## PROPHETHOOD

Prophethood is a channel of communication between Allah and mankind.

Allah sent prophet to every nation at different times to bring forgetful human beings back to the right path.

Risalat derived from the word Risal which means to send. In Islamic terms, it means to convey the message of Allah to his worshippers.

Mam is the vice-gerent of Allah on the earth. Like a slave who is always at the beck and call of

his master, man is also bound to act in accordance with the will of Allah. This is the only way for him to prove himself as a true trustee of Allah.

The duty of the prophets is to guide the people to the right path. They convey to the the direction of Allah and the fact as what he like and dislikes.

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