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**History and Importance of Hadith**  
**The period of rule of the Rightly Guided Caliphs**  
**The Articles of Faith and the Pillars of Islam**

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# History and Importance of Hadith

## Question 2 Paper 2

### J2009P2

**Q2 .(a)** Outline the main teachings of the Hadiths you have studied about the importance of Muslim communal life.

**(b)** Explain the main differences between musnad and musannaf Hadiths.

### N2009P2

**Q2. (a)** Describe the methods employed by the compilers of the major books of Hadith to ensure the Hadiths they collected were authentic.

**(b)** Why is it important for Muslims to have collections of authentic Hadiths?

### Specimen 2009 P2

**(a)** Outline the main teachings of the Hadiths you have studied about the responsibilities of individual Muslims.

**(b)** Explain the importance of the *isnad* and the *matn* in deciding that a Hadith is authentic.

### J2010 P2

**Q2 (a)** How did the compilers of Hadiths (muhaddithun) judge between acceptable and unacceptable Hadiths?

**(b)** How are the Qur'an and Hadith employed in working out Islamic law?

### N2010 P2

**Q2(a)** How have the Hadiths of the prophet been used as a source of guidance by Muslims?

**(b)** 'Truly, My mercy overcomes My wrath; This is Hadith Qudsi. What is special about Hadith of this kind?

### J2011 P2

**Q2 (a)** What part do Hadiths play in Islamic legal thinking?

**(b)** What is the importance of consensus (ijma) in Islam?

**N2011 P2**

**Q2. (a)** Outline the main teachings of the Hadiths you have studied, from the passages set for special study, about the responsibilities of individual Muslims.

**(b)** Explain by giving an example how a Hadith has been used together with the Qur'an in working out an Islamic law.

**J2012 P2**

**Q2. (a)** According to the teachings of the set Hadiths you have studied, outline the ways in which Muslims should treat one another.

**(b)** What are the advantages of having different categories of Hadiths?

**N2012 P2(2058/21)**

**Q2. (a)** Outline how the following sources are used in establishing Islamic law: (i) Hadith and Sunnah; and (ii) Qiyas.

**(b)** How easy is it to use ijma in Islamic legal thinking today?

**N2012 P2(2058/22)**

**Q2. (a)** What are the different types of Hadiths? How is each Hadith classified into the different types?

**(b)** Giving one example, explain how the Sunna is important in a Muslim's life today.

**Specimen paper 2012P2**

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**J2013 P2(2058/02)**

**Q2. (a)** Why do Muslims need to know about the Prophet's Hadiths and what benefit do they hope to get by following his sunna?

**(b)** Briefly discuss why the need arose during the early Islamic period to compile the Hadiths of the Prophet.

**J2013 P2(2058/42)**

**(a)** From the set Hadiths outline the Prophet's teachings about the conduct of the individual in the community.

**(b)** How does following the example of the Prophet in one's behaviour towards others affect the community?

**N2013/(2058/21)**

**Q2 (a)** Write about the structure of a Hadith and describe the main methods used by the compilers of Hadiths to establish their genuineness.

**(b)** What was the significance of the Prophet not allowing the writing down of Hadiths in the early days of his prophethood?

**N2013/(2058/22)**

**Q2. (a)** Describe how the Hadiths are used in establishing law in Islam.

**(b)** 'My community will never agree upon an error'. In your opinion why is this Hadith important for the practice of consensus (ijma)?

**J2014 P2(2058/21)**

**Q2 (a)** Describe how the compilers of the Prophet's Hadiths checked the biographies of the transmitters, and say why they thought it was important to do so.

**(b)** In your opinion what are the main advantages of having authentic Hadiths?

**J2014P2(2058/22)**

**Q2 (a)** What rules did the writers of the six authentic books (Sihah Sitta) apply to ensure the authenticity of Hadiths?

**(b)** Why in your opinion was it important for them to apply these rules?

**Nov 2014 P2(2058/21)**

**Q2.(a)** What do Muslims generally understand by the terms:

- isnad and matn of Hadiths;
- musannaf and musnad Hadiths?

**(b)** Which in your opinion is more beneficial for Muslims to have; musannaf collections or musnad collections of Hadiths? Give reasons for your answer.

**Nov 2014 P2(2058/22)**

2 (a) Outline the main teachings of the set Hadiths about the conduct of Muslims in communal life.

**(b)** How do you think following the guidance of the Prophet (pbuh) as regards communal living can improve society today?

**June 2015P2(2058/21)**

**Q2 .(a)** Write an account of the parts that make up a Hadith, and describe the checks made by the collectors of the Hadiths to ensure the accuracy of their collections.

**(b)** Why was it important to check the accuracy of Hadiths?

**June 2015P2(2058/22)**

**Q2 (a)** Give an account of how the Prophet's Hadiths have been a source of guidance to Muslims in putting their faith into practice.

**(b)** Why do the Prophet's Hadiths link belief and action so closely?

**N 2015/2058/21**

**Q2 (a)** Describe how the Prophet's Hadiths can be used together with the Qur'an to help Muslims understand and practise their faith.

**(b)** How could your community be improved by applying the Prophet's Hadiths more fully?

**N 2015/2058/22**

**Q2 (a)** Outline the roles of the following in formulating Islamic law: (i) The Prophet's Hadiths (ii) Consensus (ijma' )

**(b)** Some Muslim scholars have questioned the use of analogy (qiyas) in Islamic law. Why do you think they have done so?

**J2016/2058/21**

**2 (a)** What is the role of Hadiths as a source of guidance in the lives of Muslims?

**(b)** How are Muslims obeying God when they obey the Prophet?

**J2016/2058/22**

**Q2 (a)** Write a detailed account of the parts of a Hadith and say how these parts help in determining the different categories of Hadiths, namely; sahih; hasan; da'if and mawdu'.

**(b)** Why do you think the Prophet practised and encouraged the use of ijma'?

**N2016/2058/21**

**Q2 (a)** Describe the relationship of Hadiths with the Qur'an, giving examples of how Hadiths are used in understanding God's words.

**(b)** 'By using the principle of analogy (qiyas) the basic laws of Islam can be applied at any time and in any case.' Do you agree?

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J2017/(2058/21)

- Q2 (a)** Write a descriptive account of the terms isnad and matn of a Hadith and the role they play in establishing the genuineness of a Hadith.
- (b)** How does the Muslim community benefit by having genuine compilations of Hadiths?

J2017/(2058/22)

- Q2 (a)** 'My community will never agree upon an error.' The Prophet's Hadith encourages the use of consensus of opinion (ijma' ). Outline:
- what consensus of opinion (ijma' ) is, and how many kinds of ijma' there are;
  - who is qualified to practise it;
  - give examples of how the Prophet and the Rightly Guided Caliphs practised ijma'.
- (b)** Why are some Muslims not in favour of the use of analogy (qiyas) in solving present day issues?

N2017/(2058/21)

- Q2 (a)** Write an account of how the Hadiths of the Prophet stress upon the unity of the Islamic community. Use at least four set Hadiths from the syllabus to develop your answer.
- (b)** Why do you think Islam gives so much importance to maintaining unity within the Islamic

N2017/(2058/22)

- Q2 (a)** Write about the relationship between the Qur'an and the Hadiths of the Prophet and say what the difference is between Hadith Qudsi and Hadith Nabawi.
- (b)** Why do you think it was important for the Prophet to give permission to his companions to write down his Hadiths?

J2018/(2058/21)

- Q2 (a)** Outline the relationship between the Hadith and the Qur'an as sources of Islamic law. Give examples to support your answer.
- (b)** Why have Muslims, right from the earliest years of Islam, attached so much importance to the Prophet's Hadiths?

J2018/(2058/22)

- Q2 (a)** Why did it become important to compile the prophetic Hadiths after the time of the Rightly Guided Caliphs?
- (b)** In your opinion, can Islam be practised without the Hadiths?

N2018/(2058/21)

- Q2 (a)** What measures were taken in early Islamic times to check the reliability of Hadiths?
- (b)** Why was it important for the Muslim community to have authentic Hadiths?

N2018/(2058/22)

- Q2 (a)** Hadiths are broadly classified as sound (sahih), good (hasan) and weak (da'if). Write a detailed account of these three categories of Hadiths.
- (b)** What in your opinion is the importance of classifying Hadiths?

**J2019/(2058/21)**

**Q2 (a)** Give a detailed account of the checks made on the text and narrators of Hadiths.

**(b)** In your opinion what are the main advantages of carrying out checks to confirm the reliability of Hadiths?

**J2019/(2058/22)**

**Q2 (a)** Write an account of the compilation of Hadiths during the period of the Successors of the Successors (tabi' al-tabi'in).

**(b)** Why do you think the chain of narrators (isnad) of a Hadith is given so much importance in establishing its genuineness?

**N2019/(2058/21)**

**Q2 (a)** From the set Hadiths you have studied outline the Prophet's teachings on the individual conduct of Muslims.

**(b)** How do Muslims benefit in their community life by following the guidance given in the Prophet's Hadiths?

**N2019/(2058/22)**

**Q2 (a)** Write a detailed account of the musannaf and musnad collections of Hadith.

**(b)** In your opinion, from the two Hadith collections above, which is the more useful to Muslims? Give reasons for your answer.

# The period of rule of the Rightly Guided Caliphs and their importance as leaders

## Q3, 4&5

### **J2009 P2**

**Q4.(a)** Describe the main events of the caliphate of 'Ali.

**(b)** Explain why Talha and Zubayr opposed 'Ali.

### **N2009P2**

**Q3. (a)** Describe Abu Bakr's activities against the false prophets and apostate tribes.

**(b)** Why is Abu Bakr called the Saviour of Islam?

### **Specimen paper 2009 P2**

**Q3(a)** Write an account of the major challenges that faced Abu Bakr during his caliphate.

**(b)** Explain why he was known as the Honest One (al-Siddiq), and the Saviour of Islam.

### **J2010 P2**

**Q3 (a)** What major events took place during the caliphate of 'Uthman?

**(b)** Explain why 'Uthman encountered difficulties in the later years of his caliphate and was assassinated.

### **N2010 P2**

**Q5 (a)** What were the main events of the caliphate of 'Ali'?

**(b)** Why do you think Mu'awiya refused to accept 'Ali as Caliph?

### **J2011 P2**

**Q3. (a)** Write a detailed account of the administrative measures put in place by 'Umar during his caliphate.

**(b)** ' 'Umar's caliphate is regarded as the golden period of early Islamic history'. Discuss.



**N2011 P2( 2058/21)**

**Q3. (a)** Briefly describe the main events of the caliphate of any two of the rightly guided caliphs given below:

- (i) Abu Bakr
- (ii) 'Umar
- (iii) 'Uthman

**(b)** In your opinion what was the most important task that faced Abu Bakr on becoming caliph? Briefly discuss.

**J2012 P2**

**Q3 .(a)** Write a descriptive account of the important events that took place in the caliphates of any two of the four Rightly Guided Caliphs.

**(b)** Briefly state why any one event you have written about in part (a) was of special significance.

**N2012 P2(2058/21)**

**Q4. (a)** Write about the election of Abu Bakr as caliph and how he dealt with the false prophets during his reign.

**(b)** Was Abu Bakr a good choice as caliph? Give reasons to support your answer.

**N2012 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** Write about how the four Rightly Guided Caliphs are role models for leaders today.

**(b)** How does 'Umar's conduct at the surrender of Jerusalem set an example for Muslims?

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**J2013 P2 (2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** Write about how the four Rightly Guided Caliphs ruled during their caliphates in accordance with Islamic values.

**(b)** Choose any one practice of the caliphs from Part (a) and explain how governments today could act on it.

**J2013 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** What were the consequences of 'Uthman's murder?

**(b)** 'Ibn Muljam's murder of 'Ali was unjustified'. Discuss, giving reasons for your answer.

**J2013 P2(2058/42)**

**Q5 (a)** Give an account of the following two battles fought during the rule of 'Umar:

- Battle of Qadisiya;
- Battle of Yarmuk

**(b)** Was 'Umar better as a military leader or as an administrator?

**N2013 P2(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** Write a detailed account of the four false prophets, and how the caliph Abu Bakr defeated them.

**(b)** Why did Abu Bakr think it of great importance to defeat the false prophets?

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**J2014 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** 'Ali's caliphate was riddled with problems. Describe what these problems were.

**(b)** Choose any one problem you have written about in Part (a) and say why you think it was significant.

**N2014 P2(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** What were the causes of the revolt against 'Uthman and what charges were made against him?

**(b)** Can Muslims today learn lessons from the martyrdom of 'Uthman? Give reasons for your answer.

**N2014 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** Write an account of the Battle of Yamama fought during the caliphate of Abu Bakr, and the Battle of the Camel fought during the caliphate of 'Ali.

**(b)** Which of these two battles was, in your opinion, the more significant?

**J2015 P2(2058/21)**

**Q5 (a)** Write about any two major events that took place during the caliphate of Abu Bakr.

**(b)** In your opinion which of the two events you have written about in Part (a) was the more significant and why?

**J2015 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** 'Umar's caliphate is regarded as a golden era in Islamic history.' Write an account of how 'Umar ruled during his ten year caliphate.

**(b)** What do you think was 'Umar's greatest achievement during his rule? Explain why you think so.

**N2015 P2(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** 'Ali's policy of changing the governors appointed by 'Uthman led to a lot of problems for him. Outline:

**(i)** his reasons for making these changes;

**(ii)** the effects of his policy.

**(b)** 'Ali was a strong caliph.' Give reasons to agree or disagree with this statement.

**N2015 P2(2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** Outline the charges levelled against 'Uthman by his opponents, and describe the main events of the revolt against him.

**(b)** What do you think was the most harmful outcome of 'Uthman's assassination?

**J2016 P2(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** The conquest of Persia was one of 'Umar's great achievements. Write an account of any two battles fought with the Persians during his caliphate.

**(b)** Say which in your opinion was the most significant of the battles fought under 'Umar against the Persians and why.

**J2016 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** Write a detailed account of the battle of Yamama, and of the compilation of the Qur'an during the caliphate of Abu Bakr.

**(b)** The Prophet called Abu Bakr 'al-Siddiq' (Testifier of the Truth). How did Abu Bakr live up to his title during his caliphate?

**N2016P2(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** Give an account of:

- (i) the election of the caliph 'Uthman, and
- (ii) the compilation of the Qur'an that took place during his caliphate.

**(b)** Three of the four Rightly Guided Caliphs were martyred for the decisions they made. Can Muslim leaders today learn anything from this? Give reasons for your answer.

**N2016 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** Write in detail about the policy followed by 'Uthman as caliph in expanding and maintaining the state.

**(b)** How justified were the criticisms against 'Uthman for burning the copies of the Qur'an? Give reasons for your answer.

**N2017(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** Outline the reasons why the caliphs Abu Bakr and 'Uthman thought it necessary to compile the Qur'an and describe how they went about completing this task.

**(b)** In your opinion, how important was it to have a compiled copy of the Qur'an and what could have been the dangers of not having one?

**N2017(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** Write a detailed account about the election and administration of Abu Bakr.

**(b)** In your opinion, what was the greatest service performed by Abu Bakr during his caliphate? Give reasons for your choice.

- Q4 (a)** Outline the characteristics of the caliphates of all four Rightly Guided Caliphs which make them an example of leadership for Muslim rulers.
- (b)** In your opinion, which characteristic of the rules of the caliphs, if adopted by the present day rulers, would improve the lives of ordinary people in the countries they live in?

**J2018 P2(2058/21)**

- Q3 (a)** Write a detailed account of Abu Bakr's achievements as Caliph.
- (b)** What was the significance of his actions in dealing firmly with the apostate tribes?

**J2018 P2(2058/22)**

- Q3 (a)** Write a detailed account of two battles under the caliphate of 'Umar.
- (b)** Give reasons for why you have selected the two battles in Part (a) as being the most important.

**N2018 P2(2058/21)**

- Q3 (a)** How did the arbitration following the Battle of Siffin lead to the emergence of the Kharijites?
- (b)** 'The Kharijites were the main reason for 'Ali not winning the Battle of Siffin'. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons to support your answer.

**N2018 P2(2058/22)**

- Q3 (a)** Choose any two caliphs from the three given below and say how and why they were martyred
- 'Umar;
  - 'Uthman; and
  - 'Ali.
- (b)** In your opinion what lesson(s) can be learnt by the martyrdom of 'Umar?

**J2019 P2(2058/21)**

- Q3 (a)** Outline the reasons for the unrest against 'Uthman and write an account of the rebellion in Madina that led to his martyrdom.
- (b)** 'Umar and 'Uthman stood by what they believed to be just and were martyred for the position they took. What lessons can be learnt from their martyrdom? Give reasons for your answer.

**N2019 P2(2058/21)**

- Q3 (a)** Write an account of the achievements of Abu Bakr as the first caliph of Islam.
- (b)** Which was his greatest contribution as caliph? Give reasons for your answer.

**Q5 (a)** Give a detailed account of the following events

- the opposition faced by 'Ali when he became Caliph and
- the Battle of Camel

- (b)** In your opinion what was the greatest threat faced by 'Ali during his caliphate?

**N2019 P2(2058/22)**

- Q3 (a)** Write a detailed account of the election of Abu Bakr as the first caliph and the action he took against any two of the false prophets.
- (b)** What was the most serious danger faced by the Islamic state during Abu Bakr's caliphate? Give reasons for your answer.

# The Articles of Faith and the Pillars of Islam

## Q3,4&5

### J2009P2

Q5(a) Write about Muslim beliefs in prophets.

(b) Explain how this belief influences the daily life of a Muslim.

### N2009P2

Q4.(a) Describe the particular features of congregational prayers on Fridays (jum'a).

(b) Why do Muslims regard these prayers as important?

Q5.(a) Describe the main events of the annual pilgrimage (hajj).

(b) Explain the significance of the prophet Abraham in the observances of the pilgrimage.

### Specimen paper 2009P2

Q4 (a) Give an account of the Muslim belief in angels and God's predestination and decree.

(b) Explain the importance to the community of Muslims of congregational prayers on Fridays and pilgrimage.

Q5 (a) Give brief descriptions of the ways in which fasting and almsgiving are carried out.

(b) Show how observance of these two pillars keeps the community together.

### J2011 P2

Q4. (a) What does the statement 'There is no ability or power except through Allah' tell you about Muslim belief in Allah's predestination and decree?

(b) To what extent does this belief affect the daily living of Muslims?

Q5. (a) What beliefs and practices are involved in:

- (i) stoning the Jamarat
- (ii) performing sa'y
- (iii) assembling at Arafat

(b) Explain the main differences between hajj and umra

### N2011 P2( 2058/21&22

Q4 (a) Give descriptions of the way in which fasting and almsgiving are carried out among Muslims.

(b) Show how these two pillars keep the Islamic community together.

**Q5. (a)** Give a full account of the Muslim belief in Prophets.

(b) Briefly explain why Allah revealed different books from time to time.

**J2012 P2( 2058/21&22**

**Q4. (a)** Give a detailed account of how Muslims prepare for prayer.

(b) 'A mosque is a focal point in the lives of Muslims.' Discuss.

**Q5. (a)** Outline the features of the Ramadan fast, and identify which Muslims are exempt from fasting during this month.

(b) What advantages does the fast of Ramadan bring to the Muslim community?

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**J2013 P2(2058/02)**

**Q4 (a)** Outline the Muslim teaching about belief in the oneness of God (tawhid).

(b) Why is associating partners with God (shirk) regarded as a great sin?

**Q5 (a)** How do the Pillars of prayer (salat ) and fasting (sawm) bring Muslims closer to both God and other people?

(b) Briefly reflect upon the importance of any one of the remaining three Pillars in the life of a Muslim.

**J2013 P2(2058/42)**

**Q3 (a)** Outline the main observances of the annual pilgrimage (Hajj ).

(b) How does Hajj encourage a sense of equality amongst Muslims?

**Q4 (a)** Describe how and why Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha.

(b) How do the two Eids bring the Muslim community together?

**N2013 P2(2058/21)**

**Q4 (a)** Outline the practice of almsgiving (zakat ) in Islam.

(b) Who do you think benefits more from the payment of zakat and why, the giver or the receiver?

**Q5 (a)** Write a description of the Muslim teachings about jihad.

(b) Why is greater jihad considered the more important?

**J2014 P2(2058/21)**

**Q5 (a)** Write about how the pillars of Islam help Muslims to improve their communal relationships and social responsibilities.

(b) Why is it beneficial for Muslims to pray salat five times a day?

**J2014 P2(2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** How do Muslim individuals and the Muslim community benefit from the annual pilgrimage (hajj )?

(b) How does the talbiya sum up the relationship between the pilgrim (hajji ) and God?

**Q5 (a)** Write an account of:

- (i) The Prophet's teachings about armed warfare (jihad ).
- (ii) Under what circumstances is jihad thought to be compulsory?

(b) 'The Prophet's teachings about armed warfare (jihad ) are not relevant today.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

**N2014 P2(2058/21)**

**Q4 (a)** The Prophet said, 'Between a person and disbelief is discarding prayer.' What benefits do Muslims find in regular prayer (salat)?

(b) Why do Muslims regard delayed (qada) prayers as a sign of God's mercy? Give reasons for your answer.



**Q5 (a)** What are the moral, spiritual and other benefits of fasting in Ramadan?

**(b)** Choose any one benefit of the Ramadan fast you have written about in Part (a) and say why you think it is most useful.

**N2014 P2(2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** 'Pilgrimage to the House is a duty people owe to Allah, those who can afford the journey.' (Al 'Imran 3:97)

- (i) For who is the annual pilgrimage (hajj ) compulsory, and which Muslims are exempt from it?
- (ii) What things are forbidden to pilgrims while in the state of ihram ?

**(b)** Some Muslims are exempt from performing the annual pilgrimage (hajj ). Why do you think this is so?

**J2015 P2(2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** Give an account of the conditions required for ablution (wudu) and the method of performing it.

**(b)** Why is ablution (wudu) given so much importance in your view?

**Q4 (a)** What acts do pilgrims (hajjis) perform on the 10th of Dhu al-Hijja and how does the rest of the Muslim community (umma) celebrate this day?

**(b)** What in your opinion are Muslims reminding themselves of when they celebrate Eid al-Adha?

**J2015 P2(2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** What do Muslims believe about the Day of Resurrection and Judgment?

**(b)** How does this belief affect the daily living of Muslims?

**Q5 (a)** Write about the practice of fasting in Ramadan and the moral benefits that a Muslim gains from fasting in this month.

**(b)** How do you think observing the Pillar of giving alms (zakat ) benefits the giver?

**N2015 P2(2058/21)**

**Q4 (a)** Write an account of the benefits that result from the payment of charity (zakat ), and state to whom it should and should not be paid.

**(b)** In your opinion, what is the greatest benefit for the giver of zakat ? Give reasons to support your answer.

**Q5 (a)** Belief in prophets and the revealed books is essential to Islam. Write an account of these two articles of faith.

**(b)** The Qur'an describes itself as a confirmation of earlier revelations. Does the Qur'an differ in any significant way from earlier revealed books?

**N2015 P2(2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** Describe the particular features of congregational prayers, both daily and on Fridays (Jum'a prayers).

**(b)** In your opinion why are congregational prayers considered to be beneficial to Muslims?

**Q5 (a)** Describe the meaning of the term jihad and say how Muslims can practise jihad in their everyday lives.

**(b)** Why do you think jihad of the self (jihad bil-nafs) is greater than armed

jihad (jihad bis-saif )?

**J2016 P2(2058/21)**

**Q4 (a) (i)** Outline the main teachings in the Qur'an and Prophetic Hadiths about prayer (salat) as the foundation of Islam.

**(ii)** Describe how Muslims prepare themselves for prayer.

**(b)** Why should meeting for congregational prayers be more advantageous than performing prayer alone?

**Q5 (a)** Muslims believe that God alone is Lord, that He alone should be worshipped and that His names and attributes are unique to Him. Outline Muslim beliefs in the oneness of God.

**(b)** Why has God repeatedly warned Muslims against committing shirk?

**J2016 P2(2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** 'And complete the hajj or umra in the service of God' (al-Baqara 2:196). What observances does a pilgrim complete in the performance of umra and how is umra different to hajj?

**(b)** Explain how the outward actions performed during umra improve a pilgrim's inner spirituality.

**N2016P2(2058/21)**

**Q4 (a)** What are the benefits to individuals and the community of fasting in the month of Ramadan?

**(b)** Are 'Id al-Fitr and 'Id al-Adha more than just celebrations? Give reasons for your answer.

**Q5 (a)** Write an account of the difference in meaning between:

- (i) jihad of the self,
- (ii) jihad of the tongue, and
- (iii) jihad of the sword.

In your opinion, what is the importance of following the rules of jihad in modern (b) ?time

**N2016 P2(2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** Belief in all the prophets is one of the articles of faith in Islam. Write about this Muslim belief in detail.

**(b)** How is the message brought by these prophets important for Muslims today?

**Q5 (a)** Describe the particular features of Friday congregational prayers (*Jum'a*) and the main features of the Friday sermon.

**(b)** Explain how this event upholds the unity of the Muslim community.

**J201 (2058/21)**

**Q3 (a)** Belief in the oneness of God (tawhid) is a fundamental aspect of faith. State how tawhid benefits Muslims in their everyday life.

**(b)** Give reasons to support the statement that without tawhid there is no faith.

**Q5 (a)** Alms-giving (zakat) is an act of worship which benefits the community of Muslims. Write in detail about its benefits to the giver, the receiver and to society as a whole.

**(b)** Abu Bakr fought against those who refused to pay zakat during his caliphate. In your view what is the significance of this action?

**J201 (2058/22)**

**Q3 (a)** Associating partners (shirk) is opposed to believing in the oneness of God (tawhid) and can be divided into three main categories. Write about each category.

**(b)** Does belief in angels make a Muslim's faith stronger? Give reasons for your answer.

**Q5 (a)** Write about the preparations made for the two 'Id prayers and say how they are performed.

**(b)** What in your opinion is the importance of celebrating the two'Ids?

**N2017(2058/21)**

**Q4 (a)** Outline the various kinds of circumambulations (tawaf) around the Ka'ba required during the annual pilgrimage (hajj) and describe the conditions of performing them.

**(b)** Why in your opinion is it desirable that the pilgrims should visit Madina after the performance of hajj or umra?

**Q5 (a)** Write an account about the relationship between belief in God's divine decree and human responsibility. [10]

**(b)** How does this belief in God's divine decree affect the day-to-day life of Muslims?

**N2017(2058/22)**

**Q5 (a)** Prayers (salat), whether obligatory or voluntary, require preparation. Write an account of how a Muslim prepares for it.

**(b)** Invocation (dua) is highly recommended immediately after the obligatory prayer. Why do you think this is so?

**J2018 (2058/21)**

**Q4 (a)** List the Six Articles of Faith and give an account of what any two of them teach.

**(b)** What, in your opinion, is the importance of prophets being sent to humanity?

**Q5 (a)** Write about the moral, social and economic benefits of a Muslim fasting.

**(b)** What, in your opinion, is the greatest reward of fasting? Support your answer by giving reasons for your choice.

**J2018 (2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** Write in detail about Muslim belief in Life after Death and the Day of Judgement.

**(b)** How does belief in life after death affect the life of a Muslim?

**Q5 (a)** 'There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger.' Write about the significance of the shahada to a Muslim.

**(b)** Why is the second Pillar of Islam prayer (salat ) so important in a Muslim's life?

**N2018 (2058/21)**

**Q4 (a)** According to Muslim belief what part do angels play in the everyday lives of human beings?

**(b)** What in your opinion is the primary link between angels and prophets in Islam?

**Q5 (a)** In what circumstances are Muslims obliged to engage in;

- armed fighting (jihad bis-saif) and;
- what rules and limitations apply to this jihad?

**(b)** What do you understand by the term jihad?

**N2018 (2058/22)**

**Q4 (a)** Write an account of the campaign led by Abu Bakr against the tribes refusing to pay zakat.

**(b)** How important in your view was the campaign against the tribes refusing to pay zakat?

**Q5 (a)** Write a detailed account of the following:

- ihram; • tawaf; and • sa'i

**(b)** What is the significance of the Black Stone (Hajr al Aswad) to Muslims?

**J2019 (2058/21)****Q4 (a)** Write about the following:

- The benefits of private prayer (du'a) in a Muslim's life.
- The times when God is thought most likely to accept du'a.

**(b)** How does du'a bring a believer closer to God?**Q5 (a)** Describe how Muslims observe the fast of Ramadan and how this month should be spent.**(b)** What is the purpose of fasting during the month of Ramadan?**J2019 (2058/22)****Q4 (a)** Islamic teachings revolve around six main Articles of Faith. Write about the following two:

- belief in God, and
- belief in angels.

**(b)** Why is the belief in angels important for Muslims?**Q5 (a)** 'Prophets played a central part in conveying God's message to humanity.' Write an account of Muslim belief in prophets.**(b)** Why do you think God gave miracles to his chosen prophets?**N2019 (2058/21)****Q5 (a)** Describe any three of the following elements of pilgrimage (hajj):

- ihram (garment worn)
- sa'i (running between the hills of Safa and Marwa)
- rami (stoning the Jamarat), and
- qurbani (sacrifice).

**(b)** Why do you think pilgrims strive so hard to touch the Black Stone (Hajr al Aswad)?**N2019 P2(2058/22)****Q4 (a)** Write about the following:

- the conditions that should be met before Muslims start prayer (salat), and
- the importance of prayer (salat) in the life of Muslims.

**(b)** Why is private prayer (du'a) given so much importance by Muslims? Give reasons for your answer.**Q5 (a)** Write an account of alms-giving (zakat) and say who is liable to pay it and who it can be paid to.**(b)** What is the importance of zakat in Muslim society?