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The Pillars of Islam

There are five religious duties which a Muslim must fulfil. These religious duties are:

1. *Shahadah*
2. *Salah*
3. *Zakah*
4. *Sawm*
5. *Hajj*



These five religious duties are known as *arkan al-Islam* or the 'pillars of Islam.' Let us learn what these five pillars are.

Shahadah

Shahadah is an Arabic word. It means bearing witness. All Muslims bear witness to the following:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

(*Ashhadu an la ilaha illallahu wa ashhadu anna Muhammadar-rasulullah.*)

This means: 'I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.'

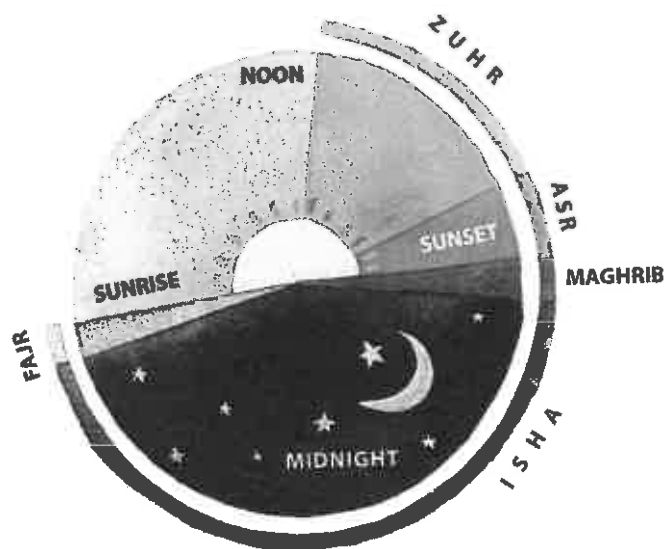
Without bearing witness to the Oneness of Allah and without accepting the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as the Messenger of Allah, one cannot be considered a Muslim. This is the first and most compulsory duty of a Muslim.

Salah (Prayer)

The *salah* is made obligatory for the believers, to be offered at fixed times. (Surah an-Nisa, 4:103)

The Arabic term *salah* means prayer. Believers are required to perform *salah* five times everyday. Allah Himself revealed this to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, when the Prophet was brought into His presence during *al-Miraj* (Ascension). In fact, Allah wanted us to pray fifty times a day, but on the request of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, this was reduced to five times. The five daily prayers are as follows:

- ☛ *Fajr* (the morning prayer)
- ☛ *Zuhr* (the noon prayer)
- ☛ *Asr* (the late afternoon prayer)
- ☛ *Maghrib* (the evening prayer)
- ☛ *Isha* (the night prayer)



Timings of Daily Prayers

On Fridays, the *zuhr* prayer is replaced by the *jumuah* prayer. These are the compulsory prayers which every Muslim should perform at the appointed times.

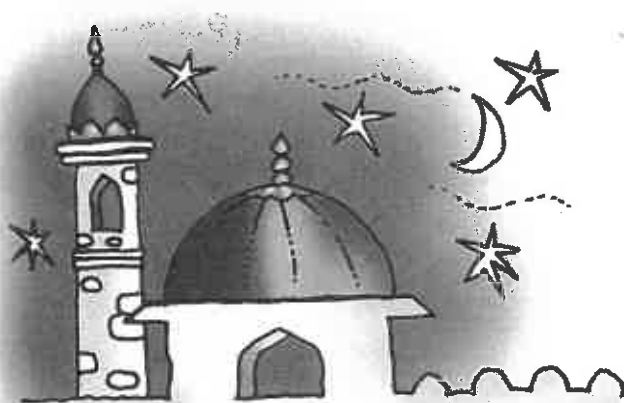
Zakah (Charity)

This is the act of spending a certain portion of one's wealth for poor and needy. This is obligatory for every Muslim who possesses the means to pay *zakah*. All Muslims are not liable to pay *zakah*. There is an amount of wealth fixed by the Islamic Law, on which, a Muslim possessing this amount is liable to pay *zakah*. *Zakah* is a system that along with the spiritual gain uplifts poor and needy and brings about a balanced economy in society.



Sawm (Fasting)

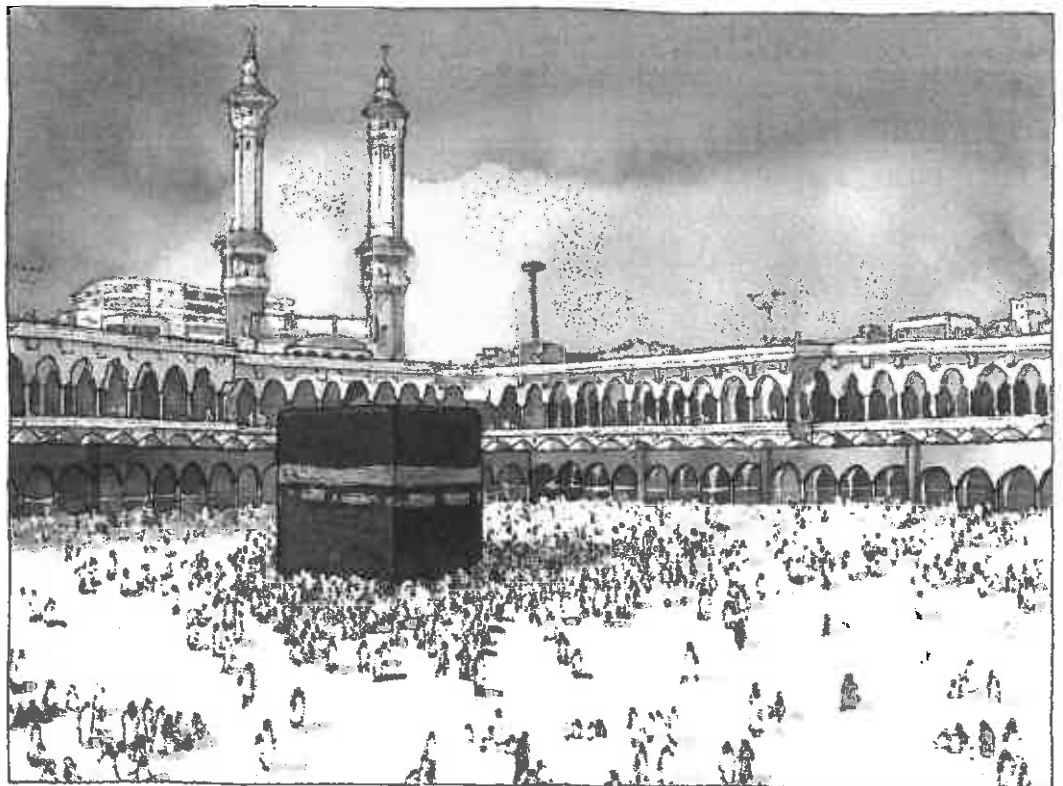
This means fasting. Fasting in the month of Ramadan is compulsory for all adult Muslims. Those who are sick or on a journey, are exempted from it. But on achieving health or completion of the



journey, the missed fasts must be made up. During the fast Muslims are required to abstain from all kind of food and drink from early morning to sunset. Fasting is an obligatory part of *ibadah* or worship.

Hajj (Pilgrimage)

The Arabic word *hajj* means pilgrimage or a religious journey to the Kabah in Makkah in the month of Dhu'l-Hijjah. All Muslims who have the means to make the journey and whose health allows them to undertake it, are compulsorily required to undertake the *hajj* at least once in their lifetime. During the *hajj*, Muslims perform a series of religious rites set by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.



The five religious duties are compulsory for all Muslims. In all circumstances Muslims are bound to discharge these duties. Whoever fails in this will incur Allah's wrath and will be punished by Allah.

EXERCISES

Fill in the Blanks

- 1) Arkan al-Islam contain _____ religious duties of Muslims. (seven/five)
- 2) The Jumuah prayer of Friday replaces the _____ prayer. (maghrib/zuhr)
- 3) Fasting (sawm) is observed in the month of _____.
(Ramadan/Dhu'l-Hijjah)
- 4) The religious journey to the Kabah is called _____. (zakah/hajj)
- 5) The arkan al-Islam are obligatory for all _____. (Muslims/Jews)

Match the Columns

Column A

Hajj
Sawm
Salah
Zakah
Shahadah

Column B

Giving a portion of wealth to the poor and needy
Regular prayers of Muslims
Pilgrimage to the Kabah
Testifying Allah's Oneness
Abstaining from food and drink (fasting)

State whether True or False

- 1) The word shahadah means prayer.
- 2) The maghrib prayer is offered in the morning.
- 3) The act of spending a part of one's wealth for poor and needy Muslims is called zakah.
- 4) Fasting is observed from sunset to morning.
- 5) The hajj involves a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

