#### Umrah

#### 1. Discuss the Umrah

- i. It is a Sunnah Muakadah to perform Umrah once in lifetime.
- ii. Umrah can be performed throughout the year. However in Ramadhan is more preferable to perform it than any other days. The prophet said "an Umrah performed in Ramadhan is equal (in reward) to performing of Hajj with me"
- iii. It is forbidden to perform Umrah on the days of Hajj.

#### 2. Discuss Umrah

- i. It is also called Hajj Asghar (Lesser pilgrimage).
- ii. it consists of a person visit to Mecca and can be performed any time, before or after Hajj.
- iii. It is not the same importance as Hajj and it's not obligatory.
- iv. It is a Sunnah practice.

#### 3. State the Obligatory rites of Umrah

- i. To wear Ihram
- ii. To complete at least four circuits of Tawaf.

#### 4. State the essential rites of Umrah

- i. Completion of all seven circuits of Tawaf.
- ii. Sa'y between Safa and Marwa.
- iii. Shaving or cutting the hair

### 5. Mention the procedures of Umrah

- i. Put on Ihram before entering the Miqaat (boundary)
- ii. Perform Tawaf seen times round the ka`aba any day of Umrah.
- iii. Perform sa'y between Safa and Marwa.
- iv. Shaving or cutting of hair

#### 6. Discuss the visit to Medina

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- i. One is recommended to visit Medina if he/she wishes to travel to Medina after or before completing the activities of Hajj for the purpose of saying prayers in the great Mosque of the prophet. The prophet said "a prayer in this mosque is better than a prayer in any other mosque by thousand times"
- ii. While in Medina a pilgrim should take the opportunity to visit the grave of the prophet (saw) and those of the great caliphs and the companions and pray for them.
- iii. Visit to Medina is not a part of activities of Hajj.

#### 7. Discuss the significance of visiting Medina

- i. One get a chance to visit the tomb of the prophet
- ii. Prophet will pardon for you on the day of Judgment
- iii. It is a Sunnah to visit Medina
- iv. It shows respect and love that one have towards the prophet
- v. Dua is highly accepted in prophet's mosque
- vi. One will get a chance to pray to the prophet and to his two caliphs
- vii. One will also get a chance to pay a visit to the martyrs of Badri and Uhud

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