

Components of Hadith

1. State the components of Hadith

- i. The sanad/Isnad: it is the chain of transmitters/reporters of Hadith.
- ii. The matn: it is the text i.e. actual words said by the prophet (saw).

2. Mention the test of *sanad*

- i. The narrator name, title, parentage and occupation must have been known.
- ii. The narrator must have not spoken a lie in relating any tradition from the prophet (saw).
- iii. The narrator must not have been accused of any crime or known to have been a liar.
- iv. The narrator must not have spoken from imagination.
- v. The narrator must not have spoken anything against the reliable person i.e. *khulafa-a-Rashidin*.
- vi. The narrator must not have held any peculiar religious views of his own.
- vii. The narrator must not have committed frequently mistakes and blunders.
- viii. The narrator must not have been irresponsible in religious matters.
- ix. The narrator must have sound memory.
- x. Each of the narrators in the chain of narrators must have met the person from whom he narrated.

3. State the test of *Matn*

- i. The Hadith should not contradict the teachings of the Quran.
- ii. The Hadith should not contradict the universal accepted sayings of the prophet (saw).
- iii. The Hadith should not contradict dictate logic or any known principle of nature.
- iv. The Hadith should not contain detailed prophecies of future events with dates.
- v. If Hadith is unknown and the reporter was alone in reporting such a Hadith is also ground for rejection.
- vi. A Hadith sanctioning a severe punishment for slight mistakes or promising very big reward for a very small deed is also rejected.

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