Chapter (2) Hadith

1. Define Hadith?

Hadith means words or actions and silent approval of the prophet (saw).

2. Discuss the Differences between Hadith and Sunnah

- i. Hadith It is saying of the prophet while sunnah it is the practice and customs of the of the prophet.
- ii. Hadith Is what prophet taught while Sunnah Is what prophet did
- iii. Hadith Is the instruction of the prophet on how to worship while the sunnah is the worshipping itself
- iv. Hadith Is the prophet guidance on how to treat the others while sunnah Is the way prophet treated the others.

Evolution of Hadith

3. Explain Evolution of Hadith

There are four ways through which Hadith evolved

I. The prophet's own initiative:

Sometimes he would ask them a question in order first to extract from them what they knew before embarking on his explanation or giving them the answer to the question e.g. Do you know what is backbiting?

II. As a response to the questions of his companions.

Sometimes even his foes asked questions to test his knowledge, prophet-hood or as a challenge.

III. As an interpretation of the Quran.

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Sometimes he explained the meaning or the purpose of what he had deduced from the Quran, without referring to it.

IV. The demand of circumstances.

Different circumstances and situation would present themselves up as the prophet nurturing the companions and developing them spiritually, morally, socially, economically as well as politically.

4. State the classes of Hadith

- i. Hadith Qudsi
- ii. Hadith Nabawi.

5. Discuss the forms of Hadith

- i. *Qaul*: a Statement given by the prophet (saw).
- ii. Fiil: This is an action performed by the prophet (saw)
- iii. *Taqrir*: This is an action of some of the companions which had the silent approval of the prophet (saw).

6. Evolute the origin of Hadith

- i. During the time of the prophet (saw) lifetime, the prime source of religion and matter of Muslims was the revelation from Allah.
- ii. The prophet relied on Allah to reveal to him the answers to a number of questions asked.
- iii. The Muslims whenever faced by a matter of which there was no earlier guidance would refer their question or problem to the prophet (saw).
- iv. The prophet (saw) would be guided by Quran, if there was no revelation to which he could refer the matter, he would wait for revelation from Allah.
- v. There are many cases where Allah sent revelation (Quran) to answer the questions, but there were times when the prophet had to give an answer to a mater or direction.

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vi. The prophet with guidance from Allah would give his own answers and explanations, which were later recorded and memorised by the companions as the sayings of the prophet.

7. Contribution of Hadith to Islamic thought and culture

- i. Helps the Muslim to understand the Quran.
- ii. It is the second source of Islamic Law.
- iii. It guides one to Islamic way of life.
- iv. It describes details about the Quran.
- v. It supplements Islamic teachings.
- vi. Allah will reward the applicant of Sunnah.
- vii. It teaches about the life of the prophet (saw).
- viii. It teaches Muslims to practice what they preach like the Holly Quran.
- ix. It is a source of wisdom and inspiration.
- x. It promotes learning of Islamic literature

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