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Lecture No. 1

The Importance of <i>Ikhlaas</i> (Sincerity)
The Importance of Seeking Knowledge & the Status of Ahlul-'Ilm
Brief Biography of the Mu'allif (Author)
Author's Introduction to the Book

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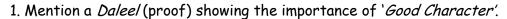
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uestic 1.	o <u>ns:</u> Discuss (briefly) the Importance of <i>Ikhlaas</i> (Sincerity).	
2.	Mention a <i>Daleel</i> (proof) showing the importance of <i>seeking knowledge</i> .	
3.	Mention the author's name, date of birth/death & something about his <i>life</i> and writings.	
4.	Mention the <i>title</i> of the book and a <i>brief</i> description of its <i>format</i> and <i>subject</i> matter.	

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Lecture No. 2

The	Importance	of Good	Character
Two	Types of Cl	naracter	

Questions:



2. Discuss (briefly) two (2) types of Khulug ('Character').

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The Status of the Messenger of Allah As-Sunnah - Defined
Hadeeth No. 1: 'The Six Rights (of one Muslim to another Muslim)'
Questions:
1. Discuss briefly the <i>status</i> of the Messenger of Allah (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam)
2. Define 'As-Sunnah' in the technical language of the Scholars of Hadeeth.
3. Mention some of the <i>other meanings</i> of ' <i>As-Sunnah'</i> .
4. Mention <i>six</i> rights/duties of one Muslim to another. [Hadeeth Abu Hurairah #1236]
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5. What is the legal ruling concerning greeting a Muslim first upon meeting one another; and concerning returning the greeting to a Muslim if he greets you first?
6. In what situation(s) is a Muslim excused from responding to an invitation?

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1.	What should you say if a Muslim sneezes and then says: 'Al-Hamdu lil-laah; and how should to sneezing person reply to you?	the
2.	What must one do if the person is <i>sick</i> and continues sneezing?	

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1. Mention one of the rewards for visiting a sick Muslim.
2. Mention the reward for following the <i>Janaazah</i> until it is prayed over.
3. Enjoining good & forbidding wrong with <i>gentleness</i> & <i>sincerity</i> comes under which of these six rights of a Muslim?

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<u>Lecture No. 6</u>

1. Why are we advised to: 'Look at those who are less fortunate'?	
2. Is this advice applicable in both worldly and religious affairs? [Explain]	
3. Mention the Prophet's (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) definition of al-Birr.	
4. Mention some of the <i>specific</i> things considered as <i>al-Birr</i> .	
5. How did the Prophet explain <i>al-Ithm</i> ?	
6. Does this <i>rule</i> (concerning <i>Ithm</i>) apply to every matter in one's life? [Explain your answe	:r]
7. Is this <i>rule</i> (concerning <i>Ithm</i>) applicable to all people? [Explain your answer].	

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1.	When is <i>al-Munaajaah</i> (secret conversation) prohibited and when it is allowed in Islam?
2.	Mention another prohibited manner of <i>excluding</i> the third person from a conversation – without the first two people whispering to one another.
3.	Discuss the 'Illah (reason/cause) behind the prohibition of <i>al-Munaajaah</i> (intimate conversation).
4.	Discuss briefly the Qaa'idah (principle): 'al-Hukm ya-doo-ru ma'a 'il-la-ti-hi Wu-joo-dan wa 'A-da-man' - as it relates to this Hadeeth (no. 4).
5.	What is the ruling concerning an 'important person', for example, taking the seat of an ordinary person who has preceded him to that place? What about a father/mother taking the place of their child who preceded them?
6.	What are we supposed to do when someone arrives at a crowded gathering and does not find any space to sit?
7.	Is it allowed for someone to reserve a seat in the Masjid by placing his book (for example) in that place until he returns for the next Salaah?

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1.	Discuss the <i>Adab</i> of the Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) concerning washing one's <i>hand</i> after eating.
2.	Is it true that the purpose of this Islamic <i>Adab</i> is to <i>save water</i> , since water was scarce in the time of the Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam)?
3.	Explain the <i>'Illah</i> (reason) behind this Islamic <i>Adab</i> .
4.	In this day and time of 'advanced civilization', etc. – is it better to eat with our fingers or follow the etiquettes of the 'modern society'?
5.	Mention one situation in which it would be permissible to use a spoon or fork instead of eating with one's right hand?
6.	Mention two other etiquettes from the <i>Adab</i> of eating.
7.	Mention the <i>manners</i> concerning greetings of <i>Salaam</i> between the young & old, a person sitting and one passing, one who is walking and a rider, a large group and a small group.
8.	What should one do if the other person who is supposed to <i>initiate</i> 'Salaams' does not do so? [Explain briefly]

9. Discuss the objective behind the legislation of greeting with Salaam.

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Lecture No. 9

1.	What is the rule concerning a group of people initiating 'Salaams' and/or returning it?
2.	Define [with an example related to offering 'Salaams'] - each of the following expressions: (a) 'Sunnah Kifaayah', (b) 'Fard Kifaayah' and (c) 'Fard Ain'?
3.	If someone greets a group of people, intending (by his greeting) the 'leader' of that group, is it sufficient that any member of the group - other than the leader -respond?
4.	Who are we referring to when we use the terms 'Christians' and 'Jews'?
5.	Mention the two general descriptions of 'Christians' and 'Jews' who are referred to as Ahlu-dh-Dhimmah .
6.	What is the ruling concerning initiating 'Salaams' to Ahlu-I-Kitaab (Christians & Jews)? Is the same rule applicable to other Kuffaar besides Ahlu-I-Kitaab?
7.	Is it permissible to respond to 'Salaams' from Ahlu-I-Kitaab (if they greet you first)? If it is permissible to return greetings to them, <i>what</i> does one say in reply to them?
8.	Explain the hadeeth: 'when you meet them on the road force them to its narrowest side.' [Give an $example$ to demonstrate the meaning of this instruction]
9.	Is it permissible to force them against the wall? [Give support for your answer]

10. Discuss (briefly) the *purpose* or *intent* of this treatment of **Ahlu-dh-Dhimmah**.

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1.	Discuss the Islamic Adab related to <i>al-'Aatis</i> (the one who sneezes).
2.	Mention the <i>two</i> views of the scholars concerning the ruling (<i>Hukm</i>) of saying: 'Al-Ham-du lil-laah' upon sneezing.
3.	What should you say to a non-Muslim if he/she sneezes and says: 'al-Ham-du lil-laah?
4.	Summarize in <i>one sentence</i> why a Muslim says: 'al-Ham-du lil-laah' on this occasion.
5.	Discuss the meaning of the Hadeeth: 'Verily, Allach loves sneezing and dislikes yawning' - as it relates to praising Allach when one sneezes.
6.	Mention the two types of Hi-daa-yah included in the du'aa: ' <i>Yah-di-ku-mul-laa-hu wa Yus-li-hu Baa-la-kum</i> '.
7	What should the sneezer do when he/she sneezes (other than praising Allagh)?

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1.	Mention one of the views of the scholars [with a daleel] concerning drinking while standing.
2.	Mention an <i>example</i> of when a person would have a need to drink standing.
3.	Mention another Islamic Adab (etiquette) related to drinking.
4.	Explain the Prophet's Sunnah concerning putting on <i>sandals</i> (shoes, etc.).
5.	Mention the Hadeeth of 'Aa'isha (RadiyAllaahu an-haa) which <i>details</i> the principle of giving preference to the ' right' in <i>good and noble actions</i> .
6.	Can we apply Qiyaas (analogy) between sandals & shirts or pants, based upon the <i>principle</i> in this hadeeth? And <i>how</i> would Qiyaas be applied in this case?
7.	What is the Sunnah concerning walking bare-footed (al-Ih-ti-faa')?
8.	Is it better to sit or stand when putting on shoes/sandals, etc.? Why?

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1.	Complete the Hadeeth: 'None of you should walk with one shoe. One should either'
2.	Mention the two views of the scholars concerning walking in one shoe.
3.	Mention the Daleel (evidence) supporting either of the two views.
4.	What is the strongest reason that explains why the Prophet (幾) prohibited walking in one shoe?
5.	Define the Arabic expression 'al-Is-baal'.
6.	Discuss the punishment(s) for one who wears his garment below the ankles.
7.	What advice can we offer to someone who intentionally wears his garment below the ankles, but he claims that he is not doing it due to Khu-ya-laa' (out of pride or arrogance)?
8.	How do we know that dragging one's garment is a Kabeerah (major sin)?
9.	Mention the three (3) possible conditions of a man's lower garment (related to the ankles).

10. How does this Hadeeth confirm the characteristic of "looking" as a Sifah for Allaah?

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1.	What is the Hukm (legal ruling) of eating or drinking bi-sh-Shimaal (i.e. the <i>left hand</i>)?			
2.	Explain the II-lah (cause or reasoning) for this Hukm (legal ruling)?			
3.	Mention the 3 advices given by the Prophet $\%$ to the little boy (Umar ibn Abi Salamah \clubsuit)?			
4.	Mention five (5) of the matters in which al-Yameen (the right) should be given preference.			
5.	Explain [with an example] the Qaa'idah (rule): 'al-Waajibu Yas-qu- <u>t</u> u ma'a 'ajz(i)'.			
6.	List ad-Darooreeyaat al-Khams (The Five Essentials/Necessities) which the Sharee'ah calls for the preservation of.			
7.	Mention the two things we have been warned against in eating, drinking, clothing, etc.			
8.	Mention three ways in which we are harmed when we fall into Ma-khee-lah (Khu-ya-laa')			
9.	Mention two types of Sa-raf/Is-raaf related to Food.			

10. Mention three types of Sa-raf/Is-raaf related to clothing.