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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 1

1. Introduction:

a. Title of the Book & Chapter (in Arabic or English):

b. Name of the author (Mu'allif) of the Text (Matn)

c. Name of the explainer (Shaarih) of the Text (Matn)

2. List the three matters which the author mentions as essential to the Tareeqah of Ahlus-Sunnah in Ittibaa' (following).

3. The Shaarih says: 'Ahlus-Sunnah follow the Messenger of Allaah (علي الله) in 'Ageedah, 'Ibaadah andand

4. Discuss what is meant by following the Aathaar of the Messenger (ملي Baatinan & Dhaahiran - with examples of each.

5. 'The Aathaar of the Messenger of Allaah (مليلة) are divided into three divisions or more'. List these divisions

6. Mention the ruling concerning following the Prophet (ملي الله) in that which he did incidentally? [Give an example]

7. Mention the ruling for following the Prophet (عيديلله) in that which he did due to natural disposition? [Give an example]

8. Discuss the Qaa'idah : al-Asl fil-'Ibaadah al-Man'u. [What does this mean and what is its significance]

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 2

1. Memorize the Aayaah 9:100. Explain what is meant by the expression 'as-Saabigoon al-Awwaloon', and who it refers to.

2. Explain the **Qaa'idah** which mentions the **relationship** between being **near to** or **distanced from** the time of **an-Nuboowah** and being upon the **truth**.

3. Mention the mistaken/astray saying of those who consider the views of Sahaabah no better than views of today's people.

4. Mention six reasons why the sayings of the <u>Sahaabah</u> (RadiyAllaahu anhum) are given precedence over other people's views.

5. Memorize the narration mentioned by the author (رحمه الله) which he describes as 'the Waseeyah of Rasoolillaah (رحمه الله)'.

6. Ahlus-Sunnah strictly follow the 'Sunnah' of the Rightly Guided Khalifahs except if it......[Explain]

7. Discuss the Qaa'idah : al-Asl fee Umoorid-Dunyaa al-Hill. [What does this mean and what is its significance]

8. Mention 4 descriptions of the Prophet (all and a should be considered with his statement 'every innovation is bid'ah'.

9. Mention the (3) general areas of Bid'ah in the worship of Allaah, due to which a person is considered a Mubtadi'un

10. Mention an example for each of the above three (3) general areas of Bid'ah in the worship of Allaah.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 3

1. Define the expression 'Bid'ah' - linguistically and technically.

2. List briefly three (3) of the greatest evils or dangers that result from Bid'ah (innovation) in the Deen.

3. Explain how the acceptance of Bid'ah entails denial of the Aayah: 'Today, I have perfected for you your Deen...' [5:3]?

4. Explain how the acceptance of Bid'ah entails declaring the Sharee'ah to be defective?

5. Mention a saying of the Salaf which points to the fact that practicing a Bid'ah usually leads to destruction of a Sunnah.

6. Discuss how practicing Bid'ah is directly related to separation and division in the Ummah.

7. Those who have divided Bid'ah into multiple divisions are mistaken from one of two angels. [Explain]

8. Briefly discuss the intended meaning of the statement of 'Umar (RadiyAllaahu anhu): 'What a good innovation this is'.

9. Memorize & discuss briefly the meaning of the Hadeeth: 'Whoever initiates a good Sunnah in Islam will have its reward...'

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 4

1. Mention the statement of the author (Rahimahullaah) used here to describe the 'Speech of Allaah' [In Arabic/English].

2. What is incumbent upon the Muslim as a result of one's belief in this statement about the Speech of Allaah?

3. What is the intended meaning of Had-y (Guidance) in the statement: 'The best Had-y is the Had-y of Muhammad'

4. Memorize a Daleel from the Qur'aan [4:87] in support of our 'Ageedah that Kalaamullaah is the most truthful speech.

5. The best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad a and those who differ with it err in one of two ways. Explain.

6. The Speech of Allaah is given preference over every other speech in what He informs us about and in.....

7. Memorize one of the Aayaat where we are commanded to follow the Prophet على [3:31] or the Siraat of Allaah [6:153].

8. Discuss the significance or reason for the People of Truth being given the name: Ahlu-I-Kitaab was-Sunnah.

9. Discuss the intended meaning and significance of the People of Truth being given the name: The People of al-Jamaa'ah.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 5

1. Mention the statement of the author (Rahimahullaah) used here to describe al-Ijmaa' [In Arabic/English].

2. What is meant - in this statement - by the expression 'al-Asl' and why is al-Ijmaa' described as an 'Asl'?

3. Discuss how the Shaykh distinguishes between the first two 'Usool discussed here and this third one (i.e. al-Ijmaa').

4. Memorize a Daleel from the Qur'aan [4:59, 80; 5:92] which proves that both Qur'aan & Sunnah are sources in this Deen.

5. Discuss the ruling concerning one who claims that the Sunnah is not a source from which to derive Islamic legal rulings.

6. Mention the statement of Imaam Ahmad concerning one who claims there is Ijmaa' upon a certain issue. [Explain briefly]

7. Memorize an evidence from the Qur'aan [4:59, 115] which proves that Ijmaa' is a Daleel in this Deen. [Explain briefly]

8. Memorize an evidence from the Sunnah which proves that Ijmaa' is a Daleel in this Deen. .

9. Discuss the author's final statement concerning the Ijmaa' of as-Salaf as-Salaf & the two reasons why he said this.

10. Is it possible for there to be: Ijmaa' after there had been a previous Ikhtilaaf, or Ikhtilaaf after a previous Ijmaa'?

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 6

1. List the Usool (Fundamentals) referred to in this opening statement of the author (Rahimahullaah) for this final chapter.

- 2. What is meant in this statement by the expression 'al-Amr Bil-Ma'roof' and an-Nah-y 'an al-Munkar'?
- 3. Memorize a Daleel from the Qur'aan [3:104] which indicates the obligation of enjoining good & forbidding evil.
- 4. Discuss the First Shart (pre-condition) for the Jawaaz (permissibility) of enjoining good & forbidding evil.
- 5. Discuss the Second & Third Shart (pre-condition); explain the difference between them, with an example of the Third.
- 6. Discuss the Forth Shart related to the obligation of enjoining good & forbidding evil. Briefly mention the two views.

- 7. Mention the Fifth Shart (pre-condition) for the Jawaaz (permissibility) of enjoining good & forbidding evil.
- 8. List the Four possibilities that may result from Inkaar al-Munkar (rebuke of evil).
- 9. Discuss the ruling for each of these 4 possibilities resulting from Inkaar al-Munkar. Explain the basis of the forth ruling.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 7

1. Discuss the Sixth Shart related to the obligation of enjoining good/forbidding evil. Mention the stronger of the 2 views.

2. Mention the second statement of the author in this final chapter - related to establishing Hajj with the rulers.

3. Discuss the two characteristics mentioned here for the rulers, and what would be the result of not having rulers.

4. Discuss the obligation of obeying the ruler, no matter how sinful he is, unless his sinfulness reaches the level of......

5. Discuss the position of the Khawaarij related to obedience to the ruler, mentioning the Qaa'idah that it is based upon.

6. Discuss the position of the Raafidah concerning the Imaam that can be followed.

7. Mention three (3) of the harms that result from rebellion and disobedience to the Muslim leaders.

8. Mention two (2) of the great evils that result from the ruler engaging in Munkar (evil, sinful behavior).

9. Discuss the issue of the Jumu'ah prayer behind an Imaam who is an innovator being valid or invalid.

10. Memorize a daleel from the Qur'aan [4:59] proving the obligation of obeying the Muslim ruler.

11. Memorize a daleel from the Sunnah [Hadeeth of Abdullaah ibn Mas'ood (RadiyAllaahu anhu), Muttafaqun Alaihi].

12. Discuss the primary & secondary meanings of the statement: 'They maintain the Jamaa'aat (congregational gatherings).'

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 8

1. Mention the fourth statement of the author (محد الله) - i.e. related to an-Naseehah - and what is meant by: Yadeenoona.

2. Mention some of the motivations for which one might offer an-Naseehah other than as a means of worshiping Allaah.

- 3. Memorize the Hadeeth of Tameem ibn Aws ad-Daaree (رضى الله عنه) showing the great importance of an-Naseehah in Islaam.
- 4. Discuss briefly what is meant by an-Naseehah for Allaah and an-Naseehah for His Messenger (علر الله المعادية).

5. Discuss briefly what is meant by an-Naseehah for al-Qur'aan - mentioning two of its aspects.

6. Discuss what is meant by A'immah of the Muslims, with examples of what is meant by Imaam 'Aamm and Imaam Khaass.

7. What is the Meezaan (scale) with which one may determine if one's Naseehah is correct/sincere? [Mention the Hadeeth]

8. Memorize the Hadeeth comparing the believers, in their relationship to one another, to a '(firmly constructed) building'.

9. Discuss the similitude intended in the above Hadeeth, along with its confirmation/demonstration by interlacing the fingers.

10. Discuss the similitude intended in the final <u>Hadeeth</u>, related to the believers being like one body.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 9

1. Memorize the Sixth statement of the author (معالله) - i.e. related to as-Sabr and ash-Shukr (Patience & Gratitude)...

2. Discuss the Shaykh's explanation of the statement: 'They command (the people) to have patience at the time of trials'.

3. Memorize the Aayaat [2:155,156] mentioned by the Shaykh which shows the excellence of being patient with trials.

4. Discuss some of the areas in which a person may be afflicted, mentioning the worst area in which a person can be afflicted.

5. Discuss briefly the Ikhtilaaf al-Ulamaa' concerning whether afflictions or comfort/ease is the greater trial?

6. Discuss the two ways of looking at the 'bitterness of al-Qadaa' - and the ruling concerning being pleased with it.

7. Using the example of a 'sickness' decreed by Allaah, explain the ruling for being pleased with it from both perspectives.

8. Mention the three (3) considerations which enable an afflicted person to be thankful to Allaah for that affliction.

9. Discuss the two (2) meanings which the expression 'al-Qadaa' is applied to [in the Sharee'ah].

10. If the thing which occurs (al-Maq<u>d</u>ee) - as a result of the decree of Allaah - is from the **actions of a human being**, what is the **ruling** concerning being pleased with it? [Explain]

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 10

1. Memorize the Seventh statement of the author (حده الله) which relates to 'Noble Character & Good Deeds..'.

2. Discuss the Shaykh's explanation of what is meant by Noble Character with the mention of some examples of it.

3. Discuss the Shaykh's explanation of Good Deeds, and clarify the main difference between it and Noble Character.

4. Memorize the <u>Hadeeth</u> mentioned by the author $(\Delta u x_{j})$ in the text - which shows the excellence of Good Character.

5. Discuss briefly what is meant by having 'Good Character with Allaah'.

6. Discuss briefly what is meant by having 'Good Character with Allaah's creatures'.

7. Memorize the Ninth statement of the author (حده الله) which relates to one who severs ties, deprives you or wrongs you.

8. Discuss what is meant by 'keeping ties of relations', and what is not considered as 'keeping ties'.

9. Discuss the two reasons mentioned by the Shaykh which would be an encouragement to pardon the one who wronged you.

10. Discuss the Shart (condition) set by Allaah for pardoning and the Aayah [42:40] from which this Shart is derived.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 11

1. Memorize the Tenth statement of the author (حد الله) which relates to the rights of parents, relatives, neighbors etc.

- 2. List the seven (7) groups of people singled out here by the author (1) for good treatment.
- 3. Memorize the Aayah [4:36] which points to the importance of the rights of parents.

4. Discuss the Shaykh's explanation of how the rights of the Messenger of Allaah (عيدياله) are included in the above Aayah.

5. Discuss briefly why the mother has more right to a person's good companionship than anyone else, including the father.

6. Clarify the ruling concerning 'being dutiful to parents' and a Daleel from Sunnah showing its preference over Jihaad.

7. Define the word al-Birr (as it relates to parents), mentioning its 2 aspects, & explaining the details of the first of them.

8. Discuss the difference between the rights of parents (Waalidain) and the rights of other relatives (al-Arhaam.)

9. Why must we refer to the customs ('Urf) of the people to determine what is considered to be 'keeping ties' (Silah)?

10. Discuss the Shaykh's (شامح) two examples of 'keeping ties' (Silah) - under two different circumstances.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 12

1. Ahlus-Sunnah command with 'Husnul-Jiwaar'. What is meant by this expression, and who are the 'Jeeraan'?

2. Memorize the <u>H</u>adeeth in which the Prophet (علي الله) commands a believer to honor his neighbor.

3. Discuss the situation in which a neighbor will have three (3) rights.

4. Discuss the two (2) situations in which a neighbor will only have two (2) rights, and when he will only have one (1) right.

5. Mention the Sharee'ah definition of Yateem, and how it differs from what is generally understood in western society.

6. **Memorize** the <u>H</u>adeeth of Sahl ibn Sa'd (رضي الله عنه) showing the **reward** of the guardian who is *just* in handling the affairs of an orphan.

7. Discuss the reason for the Yateem (orphan) being afforded 'Inaayah (special care) and Rifq (gentleness).

8. What is meant here by the expression 'al-Masaakeen', and what does doing good (Ihsaan) to them entail?

9. What is meant here by the expression 'Ibnus-Sabeel', what kind of special treatment is he entitled to and why?

10. Discuss briefly the expression 'ar-Rifq bil-Mamlook', what are its two types and what are the rights of each type.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 13

1. Memorize the Eleventh statement of the author (حد الله) which relates to behaviors prohibited in our dealings with others.

2. Discuss the Shaykh's explanation of al-Fakh-ru with an example of it, and how it can also include Bagh-yu & Isti-taalah.

3. Discuss the Shaykh's explanation of al-Khu-yalaa'u with an example of it, and how it differs from al-Fakh-ru?

4. Mention the statement of Ibn Mas'ood (رضي الله عنه) which shows the permissibility of a person mentioning his own praiseworthy characteristics - where there is a real need or necessity to do so.

5. Mention the two matters intended by Ibn Mas'ood (رضى الله عنه) in making the above statement.

6. Define al-Bagh-yu & memorize the <u>H</u>adeeth in which the Prophet (علي) clarified the areas that one may not transgress.

7. Explain the two possible meanings that could be understood from transgressing upon one's 'Ird (pl. A'raad) (Honor).

8. Explain the intended meaning of the prohibition of displaying al-Is-ti-taa-lah (الاستطالة) towards others.

9. Discuss the two possible meaning that can be understood by al-Is-ti-<u>t</u>aa-lah **bi-<u>H</u>aqq** (الاستطالة بحق) (with a right to do so)...

10. Give examples of Ma'aalee al-Akhlaaq (the Lofty Characteristics) and Safsaafi-haa (the despicable characteristics).

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 14

1. Discuss Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan's explanation of the words: They are in it, indeed, following the Book & the Sunnah.

2. Explain the statement: "Indeed, the **Ebaadaat** (acts of worship) of the **Ghaafileen** (the unmindful) are (merely) **'Aadaat** (habits). And the **'Aadaat** (habits, i.e. normal daily actions) of the **Muntabiheen** (who are conscious of Allah) become **'Ebaadaat** (acts of worship)."

3. Discuss briefly Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan's explanation of the words: Their Tareegah is the Deen of al-Islaam.....

4. Summarize what is meant by 'Ummah' in the statement: ...his Ummah will be divided into 73 Sects...

5. Discuss the statement: All of these (seventy-three) sects will be in the Hell-Fire

6. Summarize the two views of the scholars concerning the identification of these seventy-three (73) sects...

7. What is the one-word description used by the Prophet (ملي اله) to identify those who would be saved from the Hell-Fire?

8. How has the Prophet (علي *defined* al-Jamaa'ah in the <u>H</u>adeeth, when he was asked: Who are they?

9. How has Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah explained the Prophet's definition of the Jamaa'ah in the above Hadeeth?

10. Explain how this <u>H</u>adeeth & its explanation by Shaykhul-Islaam excludes the **Ash'areeyah** and groups like them from Ahlus-Sunnah.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 15

1. Memorize the author's (محد الله) statement which highlights six categories/ranks of virtuous people among Ahlus-Sunnah.

2. List and discuss briefly three (3) areas in which the <u>Siddeeqoon</u> display the characteristic of Sidq (truthfulness).

3. Memorize the Hadeeth which points to 'Sidq' (truthfulness) as a path to 'Birr' (righteousness) and to Jannah.

4. Summarize the incident in which the first Khalifah, Abu Bakr (رضى الله عنه) was given the title 'as-Siddeeq'.

5. Discuss the word 'Shuhadaa', and the two (2) groups of people included in its meaning.

6. Discuss the meaning of 'Saalih' and the difference between one who is 'Saalih' and one who is 'Muslih'.

7. Discuss the expressions A'laam al-Hudaa and Masaabeeh ad-Dujaa - and who do these expressions refer to.

8. Who are al-Abdaal? Mention two (2) reasons why this expression is used to refer to them.

9. How has the Shaykh defined al-Imaam in the Sharh, with one word? List the eight (8) Imaams mentioned in the Sharh.

10. Memorize the Aayah (28:41) which proves that there are Imaams of misguidance who call people to the Hell-Fire.

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Questionnaire-Study Guide: Lecture No. 16

1. Memorize the author's (منه الله) final statement & description of the People of Truth, including the related Hadeeth.

2. Memorize the Aayah [40:51] in which Allaah promises support & victory to His Messengers and those who believe.

3. You must not lose your determination if you find yourself alone in this Da'wah since you are al-Jamaa'ah, as long as......

4. an-Nasr al-Haqeeqee (the real support/victory) is not for any individual, rather it is that Allaah grants victory to......

5. Discuss the Shaykh's (ما الله) statement that the Taa'ifah al-Mansoorah is not limited to a particular.....

6. Summarize the Shaykh's (رحمه الله) discussion of the statement: 'They (i.e. at-Taa'ifah al-Mansoorah) will not be harmed...'

7. Summarize the two explanations of the statement: '... They will not be harmed until the Hour is established'.

8. Discuss the name al-Firqah al-Naajiyah, explaining what is that they will be saved from.