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INTRODUCTION

Salat is an Arabic word. Its Persian synonym is Namaz. Its meaning is supplication, to ask for forgiveness and to seek Mercy. As a slave offers supplication, seeks mercy and pardon, so it is called Salat.

Serial No	Importance of salat	
1)	Punctuality	5 times salat, exact time, no chance to delay
2)	Discipline	Has to perform in a proper way with niyat, ruku, sijdah, salam etc
3)	Obedience to leader	Follow the Imam, act accordingly
4)	Cleanly life	5 times wadu, brings noor, removes sins
5)	Physical	Best physical exercise which performs 5 times. Salat makes man get up from bed early in the morning which is very beneficial for health.
6)	Social	Rises social bonding during jama'at. Improves Islamic brotherhood/Muslim brotherhood
7)	Religious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Surely salat is the identifier between Iman and kufr *Spritual-Brings close to Allah. *It is Farz- one of the 5 pillars *Salat keeps away from misdeeds. *Gives 27 times more reward with jama'at *Will be counted first on the day of Qiyamat *The rejecter of Salat will be Kafir *Iman becomes firm, the soul becomes purified

- 1) **What is the Persian synonym of Salat?**
- 2) **Write the meanings of Salat.**
- 3) **Write the definition of Salat.**
- 4) **How does salat help a person to be punctual?**
- 5) **How does salat help a person to be disciplined?**
- 6) **How does salat help a person to be obedient to leader?**
- 7) **How does salat help a person to be cleaned?**
- 8) **How does salat help a person to be healthy?**
- 9) **How does salat help a person to be religious?**

RELIGIOUS IMPORTANCE

The importance of Salat in a Muslim's daily life is unlimited. Salat inspires us about the importance of time, sense of discipline, obedience to the leader, leading regulated and clean life.

Salat helps a man to attain nearness to Allah. The slave gets the company of his Lord. Iman becomes firm, the soul becomes purified. Salat makes man get up from bed early in the morning which is very beneficial for health.

Of the five pillars upon which Islam is founded, Salat is the second. Salat can never be abandoned except for a cause/reason approved by the Shariat.

- The holy Prophet (Sm.) said in this respect- "Islam is founded on five pillars. 1) To testify this that besides Allah there is no other Ilah (god worthy of worship), and Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) is Allah's Rasul; 2) To establish Salat; 3) To give out Zakat; 4) Fasting during Ramadan; 5) Pilgrimage (Hajj)." (Sahih Bukhari)

Allah the Most Great has made farz the five times daily Salat. This are Fazr (Morning), Zahur (Mid-day), Asr (Afternoon), Magrib (Sunset) and Isha (Night) prayers.

- On the day of Qiymat Allah will demand the accounts of Salat. Rasulullah (Sm.) has said, "On the Day of Qiyamat, of all things the accounts of Salat will be demanded first." (Tirmizi)
- Salat restrains a Mumin (Believer) from evil and heinous deeds. Allah the Most High says, "Surely Salat restrains man from absence and evil deeds." (Sara An-kabut, Ayat 45)
- About the importance of Salat Rasul (Sm.) said, "One who offers Salat with attention, that Salat will be Noor (light) for him." (Tabarani)

One day Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) said to his companions - "If there is a river flowing by the side of a man's house and he bathes in it five times daily, will there remain any filth in his body? The companions said in reply, No, O Messenger of Allah. Then the holy Prophet (Sm.) said, the five times daily Salats likewise remove his (he who prays) sins."

- The holy Prophet (Sm.) further said, "Salat is the identifier between Iman and Kufr." (Tirmizi)

Hazrat Muhammad (Sm.) has narrated the importance of offering salat in congregation.

- He said, "Salat offered in congregation brings twenty-seven times more reward than that offered individually." (Bukhari and Muslim)

And Allah the Most High too has ordered Salat to be offered in jamat. Allah says, "You bow down with those who bow down." (Sara: Al-Bagara, Ayat: 43)

10) How does Salat restrain man from absence and evil deeds?

11) Write the religious importance of salat.

12) What benefits will a performer of salat get?

SOCIAL IMPORTANCE

In many places of Al-Quran it has been said that Salat be offered in a body. The Muslim gets the opportunity to assemble five times daily in a particular place. They can help one another in weal and woe. At this the social bond among them is boosted up. Even there remains no distinction of rich and poor while standing in a row. As a result there develops equality among the Musallis (those who offer prayers). Man gets the lesson of working in unison by forgetting mutual differences of opinions through offering Salat.

13) “Salat rises social bondage among the Muslims” – Explain

14) Write the significance of salat in the light of Quran & Hadith.