THE MODEL SCHOOL, ABU DHABI

GRADE 12

UNIT 4 LESSON 3

FIQH (UNDERSTANDING) OF PRIORITIES ON THE BASIS OF THEIR PURPOSES

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1.Explain the concept of Fiqh (understanding) of priorities

2.Infer the importance of Fiqh (understanding) of priorities

3. Benefit from Fiqh (understanding of) priorities in different matters in life.

1. Explain the concept of Fiqh (understanding) of priorities?

Fiqh of Priorities means giving some actions precedence over others based on considerable evidence. The evidence on which priority is based may be a Qur'anic and Sharia text or mental deduction based on qiyas (deductive analogy) and understanding of the purposes and goals of Sharia.

2. What are the benefits of understanding of priorities?

Understanding priorities help to prioritize the basic purposes of religion which are called as five necessities including life, religion, mind, lineage and wealth. It help to plan and allocate time for important things such as study. It helps one to perform deeds which are in high rank and importance at first and then deeds of lower rank. It also helps the prosperity and development of a nation focusing the energy of its citizens towards needed and fruitful activities.

3. Explain giving priorities in religious deeds?

Deeds which are in the ranks of Fard should be given priority over deeds which are in the rank of nawafil. Fard prayers should be given priority. One person should not miss Morning Prayer for offering sunnah prayers at night. One should not Miss Hajj for doing Umrah. One should not spend on charity activities without distributing the compulsory Zakat.

4. Give example of giving priority for hardship to health in religion?

If one is afraid of hardship using water in ablution for health he is given relaxation of using sand.

5. Give example for giving priority to public interest in prayer?

Prophet peace be upon him suggested his companions to make prayer short because some of followers may be children or in old age.

6. Consider following conditions regarding its priority?

a) Someone spends his money in voluntary charity (sadaqah) and does not repay his debts.

He should repay his debts first because it is obligatory to repay the debts as soon as possible.

b) Someone does not use perfumes containing alcohol, but accepts presents given to him because of his job.

Accepting presents given because of Job is a more severe Haram deed therefore it should be given priority than not using perfumes containing Alcohol because it is only a disputed thing.

c) Someone does not pray the night prayer sunnah because he intends to pray 'Taraweeh'.

Sunnah prayer after Isha prayer is more important than Taraweeh therefore Sunnah prayer after Isha should be given priority.

d) Is it permissible to commit oneself to voluntary charity and neglect zakat al-fitr (end of Ramadan zaka t).

No, Zakat ul-Fitr should be given priority over voluntary charity because Zakat is an obligatory action.

6. Explain the importance of planning in Islam based on the following Hadith - Hudhayfah bin a l-Yaman (R.A)reported: "We were in the company of the Allah's Messenger( ) when he said, 'Count for me those who profess al-Islam" (Narrated by Muslim). We wrote them down and the number was one thousand and five hundred" (Musnad 'Awana).

Ans. The Messenger (PBUH) was the first one to order an organized statistics of those who had believed in him after his migration to Madinah. The effect of planning in his biography appeared in various forms and situations such as planning of al-Hijrah (The Prophet's Migration). Planning is the foundation of any successful action.

7. “As for the ship, it belonged to poor people working on the river, and I wished to mar it, for there was a king behind them who is taking every ship by force” (Surat-ul-Kahf). Evaluate?

Ans. When faced with choosing with two corrupt practices or two losses which vary in its negative impact the lesser of the two evils will be selected. When the defect to the ship is compared with the loss of the ship itself making defect was chosen.