

a. How do Muslims prepare for prayers? [10] or

a. What are the conditions required for prayer? [10]

- *Salat is an obligatory worship which is performed by adult Muslims five times a day*
- *It is the second pillar of Islam*
- *Following rules must be followed before starting it*
- *The first rule is to purify from all impurities. (Najasat)*
- ***“Allah does not accept prayer without purification” (Hadith).** Thus, there should be no impurity on our bodies, dresses or on places before we start prayers*
- *Urine, blood and wine all are impure so if they are found on clothes, place or body then they must be cleaned.*
- *If dog licks a clothe then it must be washed seven times. Also, intoxicated people should not go for prayer. **“And do not approach to the prayer when you are intoxicated” (Quran)***
- *Wudu is the basic condition for prayers. Its obligatory acts are mentioned in Quran: **“O you who believe when you stand up for prayer then wash your faces and hands till elbows; Rub your heads with wet hands and wash your feet till the ankles”***
- *According to this verse washing face and hands till elbows, masah of head and washing feet are obligatory acts without which prayer must not be offered.*
- *Wash both hands up to wrists 3 times.*
- *Gargle 3 times.*
- *Sniff in water in nostril using right hand, use left hand to clean nose.*
- *Wash the face thrice completely*
- *Wash the right and then the left arm up to the elbows thrice.*
- *Perform masah by wiping hand on one fourth of the head*
- *Both ears are cleansed inside and outside with index finger and the thumb*
- *the back of the two hands are passed on the nape of the neck.*
- *The right & left feet are washed up to the ankles thrice*
- *Satar, covering private parts of body is a must requirement.*
- *The body should be covered properly*
- *Muslims must offer their prayers at the prescribed times*
- ***“Verily prayer has been made obligatory for the believers at its fixed time” (Quran)***
- *There are fixed timings for every prayer from fajr to isha*
- *However, Prayers should not be offered when the Sun rising, it is at the top and when it is setting*
- *All prayers are offered while directing towards Qibla, Kabah at Makkah.*
- ***“So turn your face toward al-Masjid al-Haram. And wherever you are, turn your faces toward it [in prayer].” (Quran).** So it is obligatory to turn face towards Kaba in every prayer.*
- *For each of the time and kind of prayer, one has to make intention before starting prayers*