

(a)(i)

Question Part

The practice of Hajj is a 12 day pilgrimage to Meccah in Saudi Arabia to be completed at least once in the life of all Muslims if healthy and financially able. It is a strenuous journey that only adults partake as they follow the footsteps of Abraham and his wife and Mohammed. The process involves circling the Ka'ba seven times on arrival and departure, wearing similar clothing, throw stones at a symbolic ~~evil~~ evil (or temptation) and running between two hills just as Abraham's wife did. The participants then return (with heads shaved if male) in a state of Ihram (purity). It is completed by around 3 million each year.

(a)(ii)

Question Part

Hajj expresses many beliefs in Islam such as the belief in one god, Allah, the belief that Mohammed was his prophet and the belief that everyone is judged by Allah for their deeds not their physical look. The belief in one god is expressed when pilgrims spend hours in prayer circling the Ka'ba ~~times~~^{seven} times as this is the area it is ~~believed~~ believed that Allah spoke to Abraham. Some visit Arafat where Mohammed gave his last sermon and it was Mohammed that revived the pilgrimage enforcing the belief that Mohammed was Allah's prophet. By dressing in Ihram attire, the participants are removing their prejudices and they all are ~~are~~ judged by their actions showing physical equality.

(b)

Question Part

Ethical teachings on environmental ethics are very influential in the life of adherents. The Quran gives specific instruction as to how to treat animals. The hunting of animals for sport is prohibited and every animal that is killed for food can not be tortured and must be killed in the fastest way possible. Also the ~~the~~ name of Allah must be spoken upon the death of the animal. The Quran states "Forbidden are you for food... the ~~the~~ blood of any strangled animal". This ~~animal food~~ ethical treatment of animals in the food industry is very influential in the life of adherents, as the food is labeled Halal if safe to consume. The Quran also gives environmental guidance on the issue of water. The Quran states "For [Allah] made all of you from water" ~~with~~ which highlights the importance of this resource. Water is to be conserved even if there is excessive amounts and no man is allowed to own water or withhold it from any human at any time. Any form of contamination of a body of water is not allowed as to protect the natural environment. The ethical teachings on the environment when it comes to animals and water are extremely important in the lives of Muslims.