

In the name of Allah, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful Salutations of Allah be upon you, O Master of the time, help us!

#### **GOOD HABITS**

Dear Children, Salaamun Alaikum.

We should be thankful to Allah, the Almighty that he has filled our hearts with the love of Muhammad and Aale Muhammad (peace be upon them) and also thank Him for the presence and love of our elders. Our elders teach us to obey the way and manners of Ahle Bait (peace be upon them). Hence we should always respect our elders.

Our friend Hasan has a holiday and he is with his grandfather. Hasan is learning some good manners from his grandfather. Let us also learn the same.

Grandfather: Salaamun Alaikum my dear son Hasan; how are

you?

Hasan: Wa Alaikum Salaam dear grandfather, I am fine by the grace of Allah. But grandfather, I should be the first to say Salaam since I am younger while you are elder.

**Grandfather:** My dear, it is Mustahab i.e. recommended to do Salaam first. Our beloved

Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his progeny)



always used to do Salaam first as soon as he saw anyone, be it a child or any elder person.

**Hasan:** Thank you grandfather. From now, I will also make it a point to do Salaam first.

(Suddenly, Hasan sneezes and he says Al HamduLillah)

Grandfather: يرحمكم الله (Yarhamokomullah)

Hasan: What does it mean, grandfather?

Grandfather: It means "May Allah have mercy on you."

Hasan: Grandfather, I want to ask a question.

Grandfather: Yes my son.

Hasan: I have seen when anyone at home sneezes; you repeat these words; why so? Grandfather: My dear, it is a blessing from Allah. Our Imams (peace be upon them) also did the same. When anyone sneezed in front of them (peace be upon them), they prayed for him.



**Hasan:** But why do we say only these words; why not anything else?

**Grandfather:** My dear son, I will narrate an incident that was narrated to us by a lady servant of Imam Hasan Askari (peace be upon him). Ten days after our Imam-e-Zamana (peace be

upon him) was born, this lady servant went in his presence. She also sneezed; and at that moment, Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) said: يَرْحَمُكِ اللهُ (May Allah have mercy on you.)

The servant was happy at this. Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) said: Shall I give you good news about the sneeze?

The servant replied: Yes

Imam (peace be upon him) said: It is the safety from death for three days.

My dear son, this incident has been written by Allamah Majlisi (Allah's mercy upon him) in his famous book Behaarul Anwaar, vol.51, pg.5.

Hasan: Masha Allah! How fortunate were those people who saw Imam (peace be upon him) and also Imam (peace be upon him) prayed for them!

**Grandfather:** Yes my son. Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) is present everywhere but our actions are such that we see him but do not recognise him.

**Hasan:** How is it possible that we see him but do not recognise him?

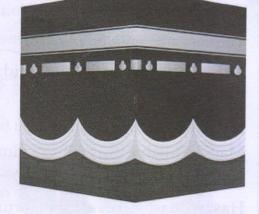
Grandfather: During occultation, Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) has helped many people who were in difficulties; however, they recognised Imam (peace be upon him) only after he (peace be upon him) had left.

Hasan: Is there any incident where Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) has helped a person while the person has not

recognised the Imam?

**Grandfather:** Yes my son. There are many such incidents in the books, for example, in Kunooz al Mojizat, we see a similar

incident. Ahmad ibn Rashid says that he was on the way to Hajj with his friends. They suddenly saw a youth wearing a trouser and a cloak. He was wearing yellow shoes which had no dust on it nor any signs of travel.



A person came to this youth. The youth took a handful of

soil and gave him. The person prayed for the youth. The youth stood and left. We went to the person and asked what the youth gave him. He replied, pebbles of gold. When we weighed them it came to be 20 mithqal.

I told my friends that our master Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) was with us but we did not recognise him. Let us go and try to find him. However, we could not find him. When we returned and asked people around him, they said that he was an Alavi youth who comes to Hajj on foot from Madinah every year.

[Behaar al-Anwaar, vol.52, pg.59]

**Hasan:** So grandfather, was that youth our Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him)?

Grandfather: Yes! He was our Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him); people saw him but did not recognise him. Those who are close to him recognise him with his characteristics.

Hasan: What are these characteristics?

Grandfather: For example, when the person who asked help from Imam (peace be upon him), Imam (peace be upon him) put soil in his hand. When the soil became gold, the person was sure that it is the miracle of Imamat.

Hence, the occultation of Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) is not really an occultation for those who truly love him, who are strong on his Mastership, who obey him completely, who pray for his early re-appearance, who are very careful of Halaal and Haraam and who sincerely want to meet him.

Hasan: Can we also meet Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him)?

Grandfather: Yes my son. We have to learn good manners and act upon them. When we become the way Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) wants, he (peace be upon him) will himself bless us with his meeting.

Hasan: I will surely learn good manners and act upon them, so that Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) blesses me with his meeting. Thank You, Grandfather!



### Dear Children,

# From the above article "Good Habits", select the correct answers of the below questions:

- 1) Which Sunnat of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his progeny) was practised by the Grandfather?
  - a. Giving Charity
  - b. Precedence in doing Salaam
  - c. Having salt before meals
  - d. Sit while drinking water at night
- 2) What did Hasan say after sneezing?
  - a. Subhan Allah
  - b. Excuse Me
  - c. AlhamdoLillah
  - d. Sorry
- 3) What did the Grandfather say when Hasan sneezed?
  - a. Yarhamokomullah
  - b. Very Good
  - c. Subhan Allah
  - d. What you did!
- 4) Who is the author of the book "Behaar al-Anwaar"?
  - a. Shaikh Abbas Qummi (ra)
  - b. Shaikh Hurre Aameli (ra)
  - c. Shaikh Sadooq (ra)
  - d. Allamah Majlisi (ra)

5)	Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him) is present
	everywhere.
	a. True
	b. Don't know
	c. False
	d. Not sure

- 6) What did the youth give to the traveller?
  - a. Gold
  - b. Soil
  - c. Silver
  - d. Pebbles
- 7) What did the traveller find in his hand?
  - a. Stones
  - b. Diamonds
  - c. Soil
  - d. Pebbles of Gold
- 8) In reality, who was that youth?
  - a. Traveller's Friend
  - b. Co-traveller
  - c. Imam-e-Zamana (peace be upon him)
  - d. Traveller's father

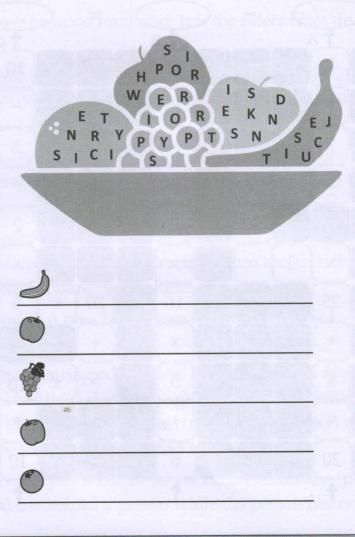


#### LEARN WITH NUMBERS

Match the numbers with the below given sentences 69 Number of special deputies during minor occultation Date of birth of Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him) Time period (years) of minor occultation Year in which minor occultation started Number of companions at the time of reappearance of Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him) Year in which major occultation started Number of Imams (peace be upon them)

# **BLESSINGS**

After the reappearance of Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him), lot of blessings will become apparent. Find out a few of them from the jumbled words given below.



# THE BLESSED AGE

From the below given blocks, find the present age of Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him)

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#### **HOLY PLACES**

From the following puzzle, find the names of four holy places associated with Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him).

1. SAMARRA 2. KAABA 3. SAHLA 4. KUFA

B S K A A B A
U A F K E Y W
C H N U M N V
V L Z F Y X F
S A M A R R A

Samarra → City in which Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him) was born

**Kaaba** → Place from where Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him) will reappear

Sahla → House of Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him) after his reappearance

**Kufa** → Universal capital of Imam Mahdi (peace be upon him) after his reappearance

# ANSWERS

Good Habits (Pg. No. 6,7) 1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-d, 5-a, 6-b, 7-d, 8-c

Learn with Numbers (Pg. No. 8)

- 1) 4
- 2) 15
- 3) 69
- 4) 260
- 5) 313
- 6) 329
- 7) 12

Blessings (Pg. No. 9)

- 1) JUSTICE
- 2) KINDNESS
- 3) PROSPERITY
- 4) WORSHIP
- 5) SINCERITY

The Blessed Age (Pg. No. 10)

- A) 1440 AH
- B) 255 AH
- C) 1185 years

Holy Places (Pg. No.11)

B S K A A B A
U A F K E Y W
C H N U M N V
V L Z F Y X F
S A M A R R A



# Zahoore Saahebaz Zamaan Ki Samt Jaa Rahe Hain Hum



Zahoore Saahebaz Zamaan Ki Samt Jaa Rahe Hain Hum Suno Navede Zindagi Suna Rahe Hain Hum Utho Khuda Ke Deen Ka Alam Utha Rahe Hain Hum Imam-e-Asr Ki Taraf Tumhen Bula Rahe Hain Hum

Hawa Ke Rukh Ko Modkar Har Ek Dum Ko Todkar Har Ek Ke Zahn-o-Fikr Ko Zameer Ko Jhinjhodkar Jo Khaabe Maa'siyat Mein Hain Unhen Jaga Rahe Hain Hum

Dua Mein Woh Asar Hai Jo Hisaare ZulmTod De Karen Jo Ashk Se Wuzoo Amal Dilon Ko Jod De Hawa Ke Dosh Par Chirage Jaan Jala Rahe Hain Hum

Shariate Nabi Kitaabe Haq Ki Tarjumaaniyan Unhi Ke Vaaste Hui Hain Waqf Zindagaaniyan Qadam Qadam Pa Phool Fikr Ke Khila Rahe Hain Hum

Chhatengi Gham Ki Waadiyaan Baland Hongi Pastiyaan Basengi Har Taraf Uloom-o-Aagahi Ki Bastiyaan Teri Shabeeh Qasre Jaan Mein Yun Bana Rahe Hain Hum

Bana Hai Wajhe Iftekhaar Intezaar Aap Ka Hamare Jism-o-Jaan Par Ab Hai Ikhteyaar Aap Ka Suno Ki Apne Dil Ka Faisla Suna Rahe Hain Hum

Sitam Ke Paat Mein Hamare Jism-o-Jaan Phanse Huwe Ghubaare Dashte Zulm Se Yeh Tan Badan Ate Huwe Misaale Gul Lahoo Se Apne Hi Naha Rahe Hain Hum

Nazar Ke Saamne Lahoo Ka Ek Bahre Be Karaan Jale Hain Dil Kuch Is Tarah Na Raakh Hai Na Ab Dhuaan Suno Sadaae Darde Dil Tumhen Suna Rahe Hain Hum



Imam-e-Zamaana (a.s.) says:

Pray Excessively for (my) early reappearance, for surely this is for your salvation.

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