

Answers

1. Explain how the Qu'ran is linked to the importance of Ramadan.

The Qu'ran is linked to the importance of Ramadan because Ramadan is called the month of the Qu'ran. It is believed that it is the time when the Qu'ran was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. As the Qu'ran is believed to be the word of God, Allah, Ramadan is thought to be very important/ links to the Prophet Muhammad.

2. Choose another word which could be used other than 'obligations'.

Another word other than 'obligations' might be expectations or duties.

3. Zakat is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.

Choose the correct option below that best describes Zakat.

- It is related to the holy journey which Muslims are encouraged to make.
- It is the opportunity to show dedication to Allah.
- It is the chance to show one's generosity towards others.
- It is the sharing of a meal at the end of the fasting time.

4. Complete this sentence.

The meals eaten during Ramadan are called suhoor and iftar and they refer to the meals eaten before sunrise and after sunset.

5. Which word closely matches the meaning of 'exempt'? Tick one.

- mercy absolved
- justified pardoned

6. Fasting is described 'as a sign of self-discipline, self-restraint and generosity? Explain why this is the case, and why this is relevant to Ramadan.

Fasting is described as a sign of self-discipline, self-restraint and generosity because fasting is not eating food for a certain period of time. Therefore, this takes a lot of self-discipline and self-restraint - not allowing yourself to be tempted. Regarding generosity, you are thinking of others who do not have enough food, and sharing what you have during the meal at the end of Ramadan.

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7. Why do Muslims believe that the gates of Hell being closed during Ramadan make it easier to do good deeds?

Muslims believe that it is easier to do good deeds during Ramadan because the gates of Hell are closed, as this means that the devils are not trying to tempt people into doing things they should not.

8. Complete this table.

	True	False
Ramadan is a chance to think about others and become a better person.	✓	
Fasting Muslims can eat before sunset during Ramadan.		✓
Ramadan is the ninth pillar of Islam.		✓
Ramadan is a time to avoid doing bad things which you have done for a while.	✓	

9. Describe in your own words, what Ramadan is.

Answers will vary.