

.A. Answer the following questions.

Q.1. What shape is Al- Ka'aba?

Ans. Al Ka'aba is a box shaped building. It is built of grey stone and stands on a marble base.

Q.2. What is Al Ka'aba covered with?

Ans. Al Ka'aba is covered with a black curtain whose Arabic name is Al –Kiswah.

Q.3. What is Al Kiswah made of?

Ans. Al Kiswah is made of black curtain and it is covered with silver and gold writing. And it is replaced once a year.

Q.4. Who laid the foundation stone to the new addition to the Holy Mosque at Makkah?

Ans. In 1409 AH King Fahd laid the foundation stone for a new addition to the Holy Mosque at Makkah.

Q.5. What is a mosque?

Ans. The mosque is the place of worshipping Allah. It is from here the call of prayer is broadcasted throughout the world. It is said that Allah revealed blessing on Baitullah (Ka'aba) and that blessing is distributed to all other mosque in the world, people is telling Ka'aba is like the mother and all other mosque is like the daughter they are receiving the blessing as in heritage from mother.

Q.6. How many worshipers can the Holy Mosque in Madinah accommodate?

Ans. 650,000 worshipers can accommodate the Holy Mosque in Madinah.

Q.7. How many worshipers can the Mosque in London accommodate?

Ans. There is a big mosque in the Middle of London which can accommodate more than 5,000 worshipers.

Q.8. Write a short note about Al – Ka'aba

Ans. Al-Ka'aba is the first house built on earth for the worshipping of Allah. It is a box shaped building. Al-Ka'aba is covered with a black curtain that is called Al Kiswah. Al Kiswah is covered with silver and gold writing in Arabic. It is replaced once a year. The door of Al Ka'aba is made of gold. Near the door there is the sacred Black Stone. It is a stone from the first mosque built by Prophet Ibraheem (AS). All Muslims must face Al-Ka'aba during prayers time. The pilgrims must also circle 7 times Al Ka'aba to perform Al – Hajj.

Q.9. Write a short note about the Prophet's Mosque at Madinah.

Ans. Before the first Saudi expansion, the total area of the Holy Mosque at Madinah was 10,300M² and there was room for 17,000 worshipers. There were five minarets. There were no escalators, and no air-conditioning.

After the first Saudi expansion, the total area had grown to 16,500M² and the mosque could accommodate 28,000 worshippers. There were still no escalators, no fixed stairs and no air-conditioning.

Now the total area has grown by 400M² and there is room for 650,000 worshipers. The number of minarets has increased to ten.

There are now four escalators and eighteen fixed staircases. In addition, a 25,000-ton central air-conditioning station has been built.

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➤ **Fill in the blanks**

1. All Muslims must face Al Ka'aba during prayer time.
2. The door of Al Ka'aba is made of gold.
3. Al Ka'aba is covered with black curtain Al-Kiswah.
4. In 1409AH king Fahd laid the foundation of stone in Makkah.
5. The expansion of Holy Mosque is a great work.
6. Holy Mosque can accommodate one million pilgrims at the time of Hajj.
7. The pilgrims must also circle Al Ka'aba to perform Hajj.
8. The Prophet's Mosque in Madinah contains the tomb of Prophet (SAW).
9. The Mosque is the place of Worshipping Allah.

➤ **Write True or False for each of the following statement.**

1. Al Ka'aba is the first house built on earth for worshipping **(True)**
2. The Holy Mosque can accommodate half million people. **(False)**
3. The large annex is built onto the Eastern side. **(False)**
4. The pilgrims can pray easily and without problems. **(True)**
5. The total area has grown to 400(meter square) in the Holy Mosque. **(True)**