Fiqh of Hajj (in a nutshell)

Conditions (shuroot) of obligation Pillars (arkaan) of hajj Essentials (waajibaat) of hajj Sunan of hajj

Conditions of obligation

Hajj is obligatory on those who fulfill the following conditions:

- 1. Islam and maturity
- 2. Full possession of senses and mind
- 3. Financial ability: fare/provision as well as enough to provide for one's family during his absence

Conditions.....

- 4. Ability to undertake the journey
- 5. Safety of the way
- 6. In case of a woman a mahram
- Or the safe company of women, etc.?

Arkaan of haj

- Arkan are integrals without which hajj is deemed invalid and their omission cannot be compensated for
- 1. *Ihraam*: but hanafi school considers it as a condition for validity
- 2. Wuquf (standing) in Arafah

Arkaan...(contd.)

- 3. Tawaaf al-ifaadah
- 4. Sa'y; according to hanafi school, it is only a
- 5. Shaving or cutting; but it is only *waajib* in hanafi school

Waajibaat of hajj

- Waajibaat are actions whose omission, though sinful, does not invalidate hajj; it can be compensated for by sacrifice, etc.
- 1. Stay in Muzdalifa. (it is only a *sunnah* in Maliki school)
- 2. Pelting the stone pillars (*jamraat*)
- 3. Stay in mina. (a sunnah in hanafi school)
- 4. Tawaf al-wada ' (farewell)

Sunan of hajj

- Sunan of hajj are the actions which contribute to the perfection of hajj'; among them are:
- 1.To bathe for ihraam even in case of menstruating women;
- 2. To assume ihraam after salah;
- 3. To bathe for entering Makkah and for the day of Arafah
- 4. To kiss or touch black stone and yamani corner if possible; otherwise simply raise hands and gesture;

Sunan...(contd.)

- Saying bismillahi allaahu akbar when beginning each round of tawaf
- Saying rabbanaa aatina ...hasanatan between the two corners
- Raising voice with talbiyah
- Enhanced dhikr and reading of the Qur'an
- Charities, and charitable actions

Sunan...(contd.)

- . Tawaf al-qudoom for those who are not doing tamattu '
- . Praying two rak 'ahs at the maqaam Ibrahim
- . Drinking zamzam water to the fill Increased supplications on the day of arafah

Duas after pelting the two pillars sughra and wusta) on the days of tashriq

Breaches in hajj

- Omission of a rukn renders hajj as invalid: if one misses the standing of Arafah he misses hajj
- Omission of any other rukn such as tawaaf al-ifaadah: It must be done for hajj to be valid
- Omission of an integral (waajib) in hajj entails a sacrifice; if one cannot do so, then they should fast three days in hajj and seven after return

Breaches....

- A violation of *ihraam* rules such as cutting or clipping of hair, nail, use of perfume etc. entails one of three options: sacrifice (a goat/ lamb), or feeding six poor people, or fasting three days
- If one engages in intimate sexual relations before the first tahallul (release), hajj is invalidated and he/she must repeat the same next year

Breaches....

If violation involves hunting or killing a forbidden animal:

It must be compensated for:

1. By sacrificing an equivalent one from the cattle, or By feeding the poor; or atone for it by fasting (See the verse: 5: 95)