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Write a comprehensive note on
Hajj and its spiritual, moral and
social impacts:

1- Introduction:

Hajj is the third obligatory ibadat in islam and Faraz. It is being performed in all different ages for islam too. In hajj an individual go through various journey including physical hardships. In this journey an individual asks to Allah for mercy and forgiveness for the sin he made in first and ask for the right path to make him happy.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

(Al Quran)

2- Literal meaning of Hajj:

Hajj literal meaning is 'journey towards God'.

3- Importance of Hajj in Quran and Hadith.

a) In Quran:

Hajj and Umrah is made to connect with Allah.

b) In Hadith:

"Hajj removes sin."

on one place Hazrat Muhammad said:

"The one who perform Hajj and fulfill all the obligations of Hajj. He ^{will} return back to home just like a newborn."

These references highlights the importance of Hajj in our daily life.

4- Objective of Hajj:

The main purpose of Hajj is to travel towards Allah. To ask for mercy, to ask for the mercy the mistake he made

intentionally and unintentionally.
As muslims raise their voices during
Tawaf.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ رَبِّكَ

We are here my lord,
we are here

4- Obligation of Hajj:

Hajj is obligatory on all adults. However, those who are physically unfit, poor, or during war time in holy land are exempted from this obligation.

5- Following rites are involved in Hajj:

a) Ihram:

Muslim man wear white two clothes to show humility in the front of God.

b) Meditation in Arafat:

Muslims do meditation in Arafat.
To show resemblance like when
Adam and Eve met.

(c) Staying in Muzdalifah:

Muslim stays in Muzdalifah
to be ready for future
rites of Hajj.

(d) Lapidation of Shatan:

According to writer
Hamidullah in his book "Introduction
to Islam" - He wrote,

Muslims throw
stones on shatan to show
resemblance with Abraham just
like he threw stones on shatan.

(e) Sacrifice of goat:

Muslim slaughter
goat to show that they are ready
to sacrifice themselves and their
wealth in the front of Allah.

f) Circumambulation of -the Ka'bah:
Muslim perform tawaf of Ka'bah
for seven times.

g) Running between Safa and
Marwah hills:

Just like Hagarat Hajra
run between Safa and Marwah
to find water for Hagarat Ismail.
The same muslim perform.

h) Taking off the Ihram after Hajj:

Taking off Ihram
shows that they are ready to
serve their god in more better
way.

S Spiritual impacts of Hajj:

Unlike other Ibadat the Hajj
as also great impacts including
spiritual impacts.

(i) Closeness to Allah:

An individual feel more close to Allah in his house Ka'bah. He feels more energetic and gratitude when he feels that he is in the house of god. Bait-ul-ah.

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

(Al Quran) "And you we worship alone, and you we ask for help alone".

(ii) Growth in Taqwa (piety):

According to Hadith

"Hajj removes sin".

During hajj a man observed piety. And he becomes more taqwa. He restrain himself from bad deeds and ask for help

From God for good deeds.

(iii) Hajj fosters inner peace:

Man in the house of Allah. The one who is omnipresent, omnipotent. He feels like home. He feels like a child in mother hands. The same feeling one's feel in Ka'bah.

انقلوب تطمئن الى الله سبحانه والى

Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts the rest.

(Al Quran)

(iv) Submission to Allah's will:

An individual submits and surrender in the front of Allah and ask from him the better way. Because Allah knows everything.

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَسِيلُ

And, Allah is sufficient for

us

(Al-Ghuran)

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b) Moral Impacts of Hajj:

(i) Empathy and Compassion:

Hajj fosters the quality of empathy and compassion to an individual. As he comes to know that Allah is merciful and forgives, even after doing a lot of sins. Analysing this he becomes more beneficial for mankind.

Indeed, those who are beneficial for mankind are beloved to Allah

(Al Ghuran)

(ii) Honesty and Integrity:

Unlike other

ibadat, which force to make and honesty and integrity in all affairs. This quality re-polish by Hajj further.

(iii) Humility and Modesty:

Wearing Ihram

two piece of clothes shows humility and modesty in the front of God. And a way to ask for better path. Because man knows nothing. Only Allah knows everything. As Allah said in Quran.

والله اعلم
بما كنا
نعم

"By God, mankind is in
(10)"

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(iii) Patience and Endurance:

وَأَنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا

Verily, with hardship
come ease.

(Al Quran)

Man in hajj passes through a number of difficulties; however, he believes in Allah word, and keep bearing hardships.

7) Social impacts of Hajj:

(i) Hajj Polish the Social Responsibility:

During Hajj the man deals with all kind of individuals from all part of the world. During Hajj if someone needs anything another man help them assuming it as a responsibility.

(ii) Strengthen the Community bond:

إِنَّمَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ إِخْوَةٌ

"Muslims are brother"

All part of the world muslims get gather in different occasions which show muslims brotherhood and strengthen the bond of muslim community

(iii) Unity and Brotherhood:

All parts of the world muslims gathered. where they perform different rites of Hajj togetherly with out any race, caste, or identity. It strengthen unity and brotherhood among muslim Ummah.

وَلَا تَفْرُقُوا بَيْنَهُمْ

And don't differentiate between any of them. (Al Quran)

(iv) Equality Among Believers:

All ibadat in Islam including Namaz, Zakat and fasting believes in equality. The same apply in Hajj case, it increase the equality among believers.

As Hazrat Muhammad said "All Muslims are equal; however, those who observe piety (Taqwa) are indeed the tightest and beloved".

8) Conclusion:

Hajj is an imperative part in Islam. It has a number of advantages including spiritual, social and moral. It is the way where whole muslim ummah gets together and perform worship Allah with full devotion.