



# TEN OBLIGATORY ACTS OF SHI'A ISLAM

Practices in Britain and elsewhere

## Key terms

Salat	How Shi'a Muslims perform salat prayers.	Amr-bil-Marooif	How Muslims encourage others to do good.
Khums	Shi'a Muslim's savings tax.	Nahil Anril Munkar	How Muslims discourage bad actions.
Hajj	Pilgrimage to Makkah and Shi'a shrines.	Tawalia	The duty to love the friends of Allah.
Greater Jihad	The daily struggle to live as a Muslim.	Tabarra	The duty to express disapproval of evildoers.

## Key quotes

'And [mention] when We made the House [i.e., the Ka'ba] a place of return for the people and [a place of] security. And take, [O believers], from the standing place of Abraham a place of prayer. And We charged Abraham and Ishmael, [saying], "Purify My House for those who perform 'Tawaf and those who are staying [there] for worship and those who bow and prostrate [in prayer].'

Qur'an 2:125

## Key beliefs

Jihad	<b>Greater jihad</b> is the daily struggle to live a Muslim lifestyle. <b>Lesser jihad</b> is a holy war or military which may only be fought in defence of Islam; there are a number of conditions which need to be met for a holy war to take place.
Hajj	Hajj (pilgrimage); <b>Shi'a Muslims</b> visit <b>Makkah</b> on the annual pilgrimage but in addition will also visit Shi'a <b>graves and shrines</b> , such as the <b>grave of Husayn</b> in Karbala.
Khums	Khums is a <b>tax</b> paid by <b>Shi'a Muslims</b> on savings and profits for the benefit of the <b>Muslim community</b> and those in need. Khums literally means 'one-fifth'.
Tawalia	This is a <b>religious duty</b> to love all of those who demonstrate their <b>love for Allah</b> and who seek to live a good life in their actions.
Tabarra	This is a <b>religious duty</b> to separate from those who are the <b>enemies of Allah</b> and who do not seek to live a good life by their actions.

## Exam practice

Explain four of the Five Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam. (8)

## Key connections

How do beliefs about the ten obligatory acts of Shi'a Islam relate to other areas of your study?

*Shahadah, Prophethood, Qur'an, Jihad, and the Foundations of Faith*