

## **The Basics of Uloom-ul-Hadith**

### **1. Define and explain the following hadeeth terminology:**

- 1. Matn:** The actual text of the hadeeth.
- 2. Raawi:** Raawi is one of the narrators in the chain of narration. The word Raawi means narrator.
- 3. Sanad:** It refers to the chain of narrators of a particular hadith.
- 4. Hadeeth Saheeh:** It is the higher grade for the sanad and the matn. It means sound and correct. Its plural is sihaah.
- 5. Hadeeth Hasan:** It is a good grade hadith that is slightly less than Saheeh. The plural is hisaan.
- 6. Hadeeth Da'eef:** It is a low grade hadith that means there is a significant weakness in the chain or in the text of the hadeeth. The plural of da'eef is di'aaf.
- 7. Hadeeth Mawdoo':** This means that proof is available to show that the hadeeth is fabricated or has untrue narration. Its plural is mawdoo'at.

### **2. Identify and write the translation of the hadeeth on the harm of fabricating a hadeeth:**

Anas bin Malik narrated that the Messenger of Allah (Peace be upon him) said:  
"Whoever lies on me deliberately should pick his place in Hell Fire."

### **3. List some similarities and differences between Qur'an and Sunnah.**

The Qur'an and the Sunnah both contain the messages, teachings and laws of Allah. The difference is that the words of the Qur'an are the actual words of Allah, while the wordings of the hadeeth are those of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

### **4. What is the difference between Hadeeth Saheeh and Hadeeth Da'eef?**

A hadeeth Saheeh is an authentic hadeeth. For a hadeeth to be saheeh it must fulfill five conditions:

- a) The chain of narration must be connected
- b) The narrators must be known for their high religious standards
- c) The narrators must be known for their excellent memory
- d) The text of the narration must not contradict another more reliable text
- e) There should not be any logical problem with the hadeeth.

A Da'eef hadeeth is a weak hadeeth. If a hadeeth's chain of narration does not fulfill the above five conditions, then it is graded as weak.

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