

## Dialogue Situation A: Diet

### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Ali, a Muslim, is at a summer picnic with his friend, Michael. At dinner time, Michael's father, Mr. Tam, asks Ali how many pieces of barbecue pork he wants. According to the translations of the excerpts of the Qur'an listed below, how do you think Ali would most likely respond? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Qur'an excerpts about diet to formulate your answer:

#### **Qur'an V: 3**

"Forbidden to you (for food)  
Are: dead meat, blood  
The flesh of swine, and that,  
On which hath been invoked  
The name of other than God."

#### **Qur'an V: 96**

"Lawful to you is the pursuit  
Of water-game and its use  
For food, for the benefit  
Of yourselves and those who  
Travel . . ."

#### **Qur'an VI: 118**

"Eat not of (meats)  
On which God's name  
Hath not been pronounced:  
That would be impiety.  
But the evil ones  
Ever inspired their friends  
To contend with you  
If ye were to obey them,  
Ye would indeed be Pagans."

### 3. Write what you think Ali's response would be and tell why he would respond this way:

## Dialogue Situation B: Prayer (Salat)



### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Rashad, a Muslim, is sitting with a group of friends at the bus stop. As they discuss each other's family religion, Benito asks Rashad how and when Muslims pray. According to the translation of the excerpts of the Hadith listed below, how do you think Rashad would respond? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Hadith excerpts about prayer to formulate your answer:

#### From the Hadith:

“Ibrahim b. Yazid al-Taymi (may God be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said: ‘The earth is a mosque for you, so wherever you are at the time of prayer, pray there.’”

#### From the Hadith:

“‘Ubadah bin As-samit (may God be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said: ‘There are five (obligatory) prayers, which, Allah the Exalted, has made obligatory [mandatory or required] for you. The person who performed the ablution [ritual washing] for those prayers well, offered them in time and completed the act of bowing, and observed them with devotion, Allah is bound to forgive him.’”

#### From the Hadith:

“Abu Hurairah (may God be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said: ‘When you intend to offer the prayer, perform ablution well and turn your face to the Ka'bah [the holy place in Makkah] and say: Allah is the Greatest. Then recite any piece of the Holy Book what you can easily do, then bow down well, then stand erect, then prostrate [position in which the forehead, the nose, the palms of both hands, the knees, and the toes—eight points of the body—are touching the ground in a bowing manner] well, then sit erect, then prostrate well again, then do so to the end while offering the prayer.’”

### 3. Write what you think Rashad's response would be and tell why he would respond this way:

## Dialogue Situation C: Dress for Women

### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Aminah is an eight-year-old Muslim girl. After Friday prayers at the mosque one day, Aminah asks her mother, Hanya, how she should dress when she is an adult. According to the translation of the excerpts of the Qur'an and the Hadith listed below, how do you think Hanya would most likely respond to her daughter? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Qur'an and Hadith excerpts about dress to formulate your answer:

#### **Qur'an XXIV: 31**

“And say to the believing women  
That they should lower  
Their gaze and guard  
Their modesty; that they  
Should not display  
Beauty and ornaments except  
What (must ordinarily) appear  
Thereof; that they should  
Draw their veils over  
Their bosoms and not display  
Their beauty except  
To their husbands, their fathers,  
Their husband's fathers, their sons,  
Their brothers or their brother's sons,  
Or their sister's sons,  
Or their womenfolk. . .”

#### **Qur'an XXIV: 60**

“Such elderly women as are  
Past the prospect of marriage,  
There is no blame on them  
If they lay aside  
Their (outer) garments, provided  
They make not a wanton display  
Of their beauty: but  
It is best for them  
To be modest: and God  
Is One Who sees and knows  
All things.”

#### **From the Hadith:**

“A'isha (may God be pleased with her) reported that Asma, daughter of Abu Bakr, visited Allah's Messenger, and she had been putting on thin clothes so Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) turned away from her and said: 'Asma, when the woman attains the age of puberty, it does not deem proper [it is not appropriate] that her body may be seen except this and this (part of her body) and he pointed to his face and both palms.'”

### 3. Write what you think Hanya's response would be and tell why she would respond this way: (write answer on back)

## Dialogue Situation D: Alcohol

### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Basima is at a graduation party for her best friend, Juanita. A bottle of sparkling wine is passed around in preparation for a toast in honor of Juanita's graduation from college. A glass is placed in front of Basima, and Juanita's mother encourages her to "drink up." According to the translation of the excerpts of the Qur'an and the Hadith listed below, how do you think Basima would respond? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Qur'an and Hadith excerpts about alcohol to formulate your answer:

#### **Qur'an V: 91**

"Satan's plan is (but)  
To excite enmity [hostility] and hatred  
Between you, with intoxicants  
[alcoholic drinks/drugs]  
And gambling, and hinder you  
From the remembrance  
Of God and from prayer:  
Will ye not then abstain [refrain]?"

#### **From the Hadith**

"Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (may God be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said in Medina: 'Verily Allah, the Exalted, has forbidden wine. So who hears this verse and he has anything of it with him, he should neither drink it nor sell it..'"

### 3. Write what you think Basima's response would be and tell why she would respond this way:

## Dialogue Situation E: Courteousness

### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Nadia, a young Muslim girl, is selected by her teacher, Mr. Rambis, as “citizen of the month” for her friendly and cooperative behavior. After class, Mr. Rambis asks Nadia where she learned to be so courteous. According to the translation of the excerpts from the Qur’an and the Hadith below, how do you think Nadia would respond? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Qur’an and Hadith excerpts about courteousness to formulate your answer:

#### **Qur’an IV: 86**

“When a (courteous) greeting  
Is offered you, meet it  
With a greeting still more  
Courteous, or (at least)  
Of equal courtesy.  
God takes careful account  
Of all things.”

#### **From the Hadith:**

“Abdullah Ibn ‘Amr Ibn  
Al’Aas (may God be  
pleased with him) reported  
that the Prophet Muhammad  
(Peace be upon him) neither  
talked indecently, nor did he  
listen to indecent talk. He  
use to say: ‘The best of you  
are those who have the best  
manners.’”

#### **From the Hadith:**

“Abu Dharr (may God be  
pleased with him)  
reported that the Prophet  
Muhammad (Peace be  
upon him) said: ‘Do not  
consider even the  
smallest good deed as  
insignificant; even  
meeting your brother  
with a cheerful face is a  
good deed.’”

### 3. Write what you think Nadia’s response would be and tell why she would respond this way:

## Dialogue Situation F: Charity

### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Hasan, a Muslim boy, is required by his parents twice a year to give part of the money he earns for household chores to a local charity that provides food baskets for the poor of the community. His friends, Chris and Taylor, wonder how Hasan feels about being required to give money to charity. According to the translation of the Qur'an and Hadith listed below, how do you think Hasan would most likely respond to his friends? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Qur'an and Hadith excerpts about charity to formulate your answers:

#### **Qur'an II: 267**

“O ye who believe!  
Give of the good things  
Which ye have (honourably) earned,  
And of the fruits of the earth  
Which We have produced  
For you, and do not even aim  
At getting anything  
Which is bad, in order that  
Out of it ye may give away  
Something, when ye yourselves  
Would not receive it  
Except with closed eyes.”

#### **Qur'an II: 195**

“And spend of your substance  
In the cause of God,  
And make not your own hands  
Contribute to (your) destruction;  
But do good;  
For God loveth those  
Who do good.”

#### **From the Hadith:**

“Abdullah Ibn ‘Amr Ibn  
‘Al‘Aas (may God be  
pleased with him) reported  
that a man asked the Prophet  
Muhammad (Peace be upon  
him): What in Islam is the  
best. He answered: ‘To feed  
people and to greet everyone  
(to say Assalamo  
Alaikum)[peace be with you]  
whether you know him or  
not.’”

### 3. Write what you think Hasan's response would be and tell why he would respond this way:

## Dialogue Situation G: Forgiveness

### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Tuyen admits to her Muslim friend, Zaynab, that she once lied to her parents about feeling too sick to go to school. However, when Tuyen, who is Catholic, realized that this act was a sin she went to her local priest to receive formal forgiveness. Tuyen asks Zaynab whether Zaynab can receive forgiveness from God if she lies, and, if so, how she goes about receiving forgiveness. According to the translation of the excerpts of the Qur'an and Hadith listed below, how do you think Zaynab would respond? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Qur'an and Hadith excerpts about forgiveness to formulate your answer:

#### **Qur'an XXXIX: 53**

Say: "O my Servants who  
Have transgressed against their souls!  
Despair not of the Mercy  
Of God: for God forgives  
All sins: for He is  
Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

#### **Qur'an XXXIX: 54**

"Turn ye to your Lord  
(In repentance) and bow  
To His (Will), before  
The Penalty comes to you:  
After that ye shall not  
Be helped."

#### **From the Hadith:**

Ibn Mas'ud (may God be  
pleaded with him) reported  
that the Prophet  
Muhammad (Peace be upon  
him) said: "You must speak  
the truth for the truth leads  
to virtue and virtue leads to  
Paradise. . . Keep away from  
the lie for the lie leads to  
evil and evil leads to the  
Hell Fire and a man who  
continually tells a lie and  
intends to lie is recorded  
with Allah as a liar."

### 3. Write what you think Zaynab's response would be and tell why she would respond this way:

## Dialogue Situation H: Respect for Parents

### 1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Jim gets tickets to Sunday's football play-off game, and invites his friend Amin, a Muslim. Amin really wants to attend this game, but his parents usually like him to spend Sundays with the family. Jim asks Amin if he will be able to go to the game. According to the translation of the Qur'an and Hadith listed below, how do you think Amin would respond to Jim? Why?

### 2. Analyze these Qur'an and Hadith excerpts about respect for parents to formulate your answer:

#### **Qur'an XLVI: 15**

"We have enjoined on man  
Kindness to his parents  
In pain did his mother  
Bear him, and in pain  
Did she give him birth  
The carrying of the (child)  
To his weaning is  
(A period of) thirty months.  
At length, when he reaches  
The age of full strength  
And attains forty years,  
He says, 'O my Lord!  
Grant me that I may be  
Grateful for Thy favour  
Which Thou hast bestowed  
Upon me, and upon both  
My parents, and that I  
May work righteousness  
Such as Thou mayest approve . . ."

#### **Qur'an XVII: 23**

"Thy Lord hath decreed  
That ye worship none but Him,  
And that ye be kind  
To parents. Whether one  
Or both of them attain  
Old age in thy life,  
Say not to them a word  
Of contempt, nor repel them,  
But address them  
In terms of honour."

#### **From the Hadith:**

Al-Mughirah (may God be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said: "God forbids all of you to disobey your mothers."

### 3. Write what you think Amin's response would be and tell why he would respond this way:



you read on **Student Handout 1.3A**. This dialogue should reflect how the Muslim character would respond to the situation according to the teachings of the Qur'an and Hadith.

2. Use your answer from the “How We Think \_\_\_\_\_ Would Respond” section of **Student Handout 1.3A** as the basis for your dialogue.
3. Brainstorm ideas for the dialogue with your partner. Make sure that your classmates can clearly understand the teachings of the Qur'an and/or Hadith on your subject by listening to the dialogue. Make sure the dialogue is conversational, friendly, and entertaining.
4. Your dialogue should be about one page in length. It should be formatted like this:

*Michael: I think it's time for dinner. Let's go see what's cooking.*

*Ali: (holding a football) Sounds good. I'm getting a little tired from catching all those touchdown passes you have been throwing.*

*Mr. Tam: Hey Ali, how many slices of pork would you like? It's hot off the barbecue!*

*Ali: Thank you for the offer, Mr. Tam, but I don't eat pork.*

*Michael: I can't believe you don't like barbecue pork. It's my dad's specialty.*

*Ali: Well, it's not a matter of not liking the taste, actually. It has to do with the teachings of my religion . . .*

5. Rehearse your dialogue for the class presentation.