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Tourism, Photography, Drama, Cartoons, Humor, Sports and Games♦

Movie-making, cartoons and drama

- 6.1 It is permissible to photograph non-living objects like historical monuments, natural scenery, etc.
- 6.2 Photography of living beings for the purpose of entertainment is not permissible.
- 6.3 Photography for educational, reform and motivational purposes is permissible even if it marginally involves living beings.
- 6.4 It is not permissible to view such photography which contains photograph of women, prophets, blessed companions of prophet, or any other anti-*Shari'ah* objects.
- 6.5 It is not permissible to draw such cartoons which contains physical feature so clear that it resembles a photograph.
- 6.6 It is impermissible to draw cartoons with the object to denigrate any person irrespective of vagueness of physical features.
- 6.7 It is impermissible to draw cartoons having obscenity or those which are meant to promote evil.
- 6.8 It is permissible to draw cartoons, without having clear physical features, for educational purpose for children in a manner that they are beneficial from psychological, ethical and linguistic perspectives.
- 6.9 It is permissible to undertake permitted forms of caricaturing/cartoon-making as a profession and taking up as an employment.
- 6.10 It is permissible to stage plays for the purposes of motivation and to criticize evils in the society provided such plays do not contain music, character assassination, mixing of sexes, portrayal of prophets, angels, companions of prophet or any other anti-*Shari'ah* or other unethical substance.

Humour

- A. Humour is permissible provided it does not involve falsehood, obscenity, and debasing.
- B. Such humour programmes and poetic function which adversely affect public good are not permissible.
- C. Joking and humour are not permissible to be taken up as profession or vocation.

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- D. Programmes with a single object to provide humour are not permissible; however, such programmes which are also intended to advance reformation may be permitted.

Tourism

- A. It is permissible to go on tourism of different places and countries provided no profligacy is carried out.
- B. It is impermissible to undertake tourism either alone or with family of such places where life or honour may get endangered.
- C. It is impermissible to go on tourism to such places where anti-*Shari'ah* acts are predominant; however, it is permissible to undertake business of providing means of transport, or having business of providing eatables to the tourists visiting such places.
- D. It is permissible to undertake business of tour and travels for permissible purposes.
- E. Tourism has sound connection with strengthening of religious, cultural and civilizational relations and enlightening people about great contributions made by our ancestors in national and religious arenas. As such, this Seminar appeals to the Muslims involved in the tour and travel business to prepare such tourism packages which may help prevent sense of inferiority and directionless-ness among Muslim youth and may also help present correct picture before non-Muslims.

Games and Sports

- A. All such games and sports which are in broader human interest, strengthen physical stamina, alertness and rejuvenate our bodies are permissible provided they do not contain any element prohibited by *Shari'ah*, do not cause neglect to performance of rights and duties and do not involve pain to any living being.
- B. *Shari'ah* commands about covering of *Satr* in the ordinary course are also required to be followed by players.
- C. Playing of the games, found to have been encouraged in the *Hadith*, are desirable, other games are permissible provided abovementioned principles are complied with.
- D. It is permissible to unilaterally put prize money conditional upon victory or defeat from a third party, however, it is not permissible to put such money by the parties to the game.
- E. Time is invaluable asset for human beings, therefore, such games which involve considerable wastage of time of its players or viewers are undesirable even if they do not involve any *Shari'ah*-prohibited matter in terms of its method or dress.
- F. Viewing and purchasing tickets to view permissible games are allowed.
- G. Putting bet or wager upon victory/defeat of one party or player by the persons who are not party to such games is gambling and is prohibited.
- H. Games are meant to be a momentary pleasure and undertaking them as objective of one's life is not permissible.

Neglecting education and permissible ways of earnings, and getting involved in games is not appropriate.