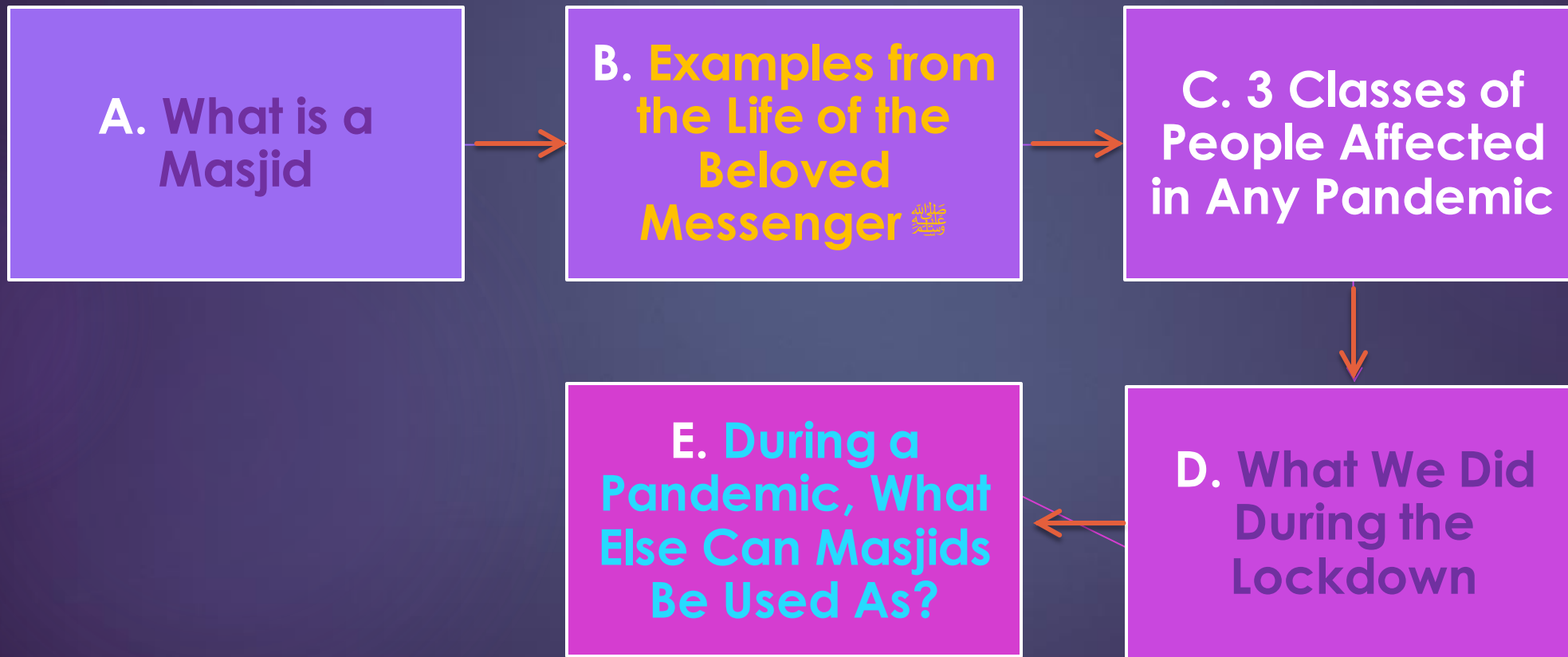


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A. What is a Masjid?

أُعْطِيتُ خَمْسًا لَمْ يُعْطَهُنَّ أَحَدٌ قَبْلِي: نُصِرْتُ بِالرُّعْبِ مَسِيرَةَ شَهْرٍ، وَجُعِلَتْ لِيَ الْأَرْضُ مَسْجِدًا وَطَهُورًا فَأَيُّمَا رَجُلٍ مِنْ أُمَّتِي أَدْرَكَتْهُ الصَّلَاةُ فَلْيُصَلِّ، وَأُجِلَّتْ لِيَ الْمَغَانِمُ وَلَمْ تَجَلْ لِأَحَدٍ قَبْلِي، وَأُعْطِيتُ الشَّفَاعَةَ، وَكَانَ النَّبِيُّ يُبْعَثُ إِلَى قَوْمِهِ خَاصَّةً وَيُعْنَتُ إِلَى النَّاسِ عَامَةً

Narrated from the Prophet ﷺ:

I have been given five that no one before me was given: 1. I have been given awe up to the distance of a month, 2. **the earth has been made for me a place of prayer and pure, so any person from my followers when prayer catches up to him, he must pray**, 3. spoils of war have been made lawful for me but they were not made lawful for anyone before me, 4. **I have been given the (authority to make the) intercession**, 5. a prophet would be sent to his own people specifically whereas I have been sent to all the people. (al-Bukhari, 328)

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A. What is a Masjid?

وعن أبي سعيد - رضي الله عنه - عن النبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم - - الأرض كلها مسجد إلا المقبرة والحمام -
رواه الترمذي , وله علة .

Abu Sa'id narrated from the Prophet ﷺ

The earth, all of it, is a place for prayer, apart from the graveyard and the washroom. (Al-Tirmidhi, 317)

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A. What is a Masjid?

The masjid is the **centre** of the community

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The masjid **represents** the society; if a masjid is doing well, the community is doing well.

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B. Examples from the Life of the Beloved Messenger ﷺ

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B. Examples from the Life of the Beloved Messenger ﷺ

- ▶ His ﷺ hands were always open to serve and assist others
- ▶ These teachings resonated in the examples of his ﷺ Noble Companions

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C. 3 Classes of People Affected in any Pandemic

- ▶ In any illness, especially during a pandemic, 3 classes of people are deeply affected:
 1. The patient
 2. The relatives
 3. Those who have a connection to the patient

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D. During a Pandemic, What Else Can Masjids Be Used As?

During COVID-19, masjids can be used as:

- ▶ Clinics
- ▶ Surgeries
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Mortuaries
- ▶ Counselling centres
- ▶ Centres of education, guidance, and bereavement support

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E. What We Did During the Lockdown

Personally:

- ▶ In order to facilitate the educational needs of the young and old during the lockdown of COVID-19, I started teaching Islamic studies online. It was 2 lectures per day: 1. Adab al-Mufrad and 2. Fiqh of worship. 30 minutes each. This was delivered live on Facebook Live and YouTube Live.
- ▶ I delivered Jumu'ah speech in Urdu and English, 15 minutes every Friday at 1:30pm due to masjids being closed – also delivered on Facebook Live and YouTube Live.

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E. What We Did During the Lockdown

Minhaj College:

- ▶ MCM delivered '**Journey Through the Qur'an**' - a talk in the themes of each Juz' of the Qur'anic every night over the 30 nights of **Ramadan** in 1441AH - as the masjids were closed due to COVID-19. This was delivered live on multiple media outlets with slides.
- ▶ Minhaj College had various speakers throughout 2029 delivering lectures online from various parts of the world, including Imam Zaid Shakir from the USA, and Shaykha Halima Krausen from Germany, etc.

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E. What We Did During the Lockdown

Minhaj College:

- ▶ Minhaj College recently delivered an online 12-day Mawlid course titled 'Who is Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?' with each speaker discussing an aspect of the Beloved Messenger Muhammad ﷺ. This was also delivered live, with slides, and on various media outlets.

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E. What We Did During the Lockdown

Minhaj College:

- ▶ Currently, Minhaj College is teaching onsite and also online: we teach GCSE retakes, and our results have been 100%. Also, A/S Levels and A Levels. We also facilitate B-Tech courses as well as courses at Level 6.
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E. What We Did During the Lockdown

Minhaj College:

- ▶ Minhaj College will soon begin its Qur'anic Arabic course online to assist learners in getting to know the Qur'an through first-hand experience.

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E. What We Did During the Lockdown

Minhaj College:

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