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Wajib_obligatory, necessary, incumbent. An act which must be performed. You will be rewarded for performing it and punished for neglecting it, e.g., the daily prayers, the fasting of Ramadhan.

Ihtiyat wajib_precuationarily obligatory. Its significance is the same as that of *wajib* with the difference that in the rules where a *mujtahid* says it is "precautionarily obligatory", you have the option of leaving his *taqlid* (following) in that particular problem, and following the rulings of the second_best *mujtahid* in that problem.

Mustabab, Sunnat_recommendable, desirable, better. The acts whose neglect is not punished, but whose performance is rewarded, e.g., the call of prayer (*adhan*).

Ihtiyat mustabab-precautionarily recommended. Its significance is the same as that of *mustahab*. When a *mujtahid* uses this term, he means that there is no solid proof for that particular act being mustahab, but his standards of precaution demand that it be considered as *mustahab*.

Ja'iz, **Halal**, **Mubah**_permitted, allowed, lawful, legal. The act or the thing which is permitted and lawful. There is no reward for performing it and no punishment for neglecting it, e.g., drinking tea. *Mubdh is* mostly used for lawful things, not for permitted actions.

Makruh_reprehensible, disliked. The acts whose performance is not punished, but whose avoidance is rewarded, e.g., eating in the state of *janabat*.

Haram_forbidden, prohibited. It is necessary to abstain from the acts which are *haram*. If someone performs a *haram* act, he will be punished, e.g., eating pork.

Junub_a man or a woman who has become *najis* (impure) because of sexual intercourse or, in the former's case, because of discharge of semen.

Sajdah_prostration.

Qaza performing an act of worship which was missed during its proper time.

Musalla_place or mattress of prayers.

Rak'at_a bending of torso from an upright position in prayers.

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