

Candidate 4 evidence

Analyse the purpose of practicing the Five Pillars.

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One of the five pillars is the Shahadah, which is the declaration of faith that says: "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger." The words of the Shahadah are repeated multiple times during the day. It is the first thing that is whispered into a newborn babies' ear and the last thing said to a Muslim before they die. Another of the five pillars is Salah which is prayer. This pillar involves performing the five daily prayers at prescribed times throughout the day.

A purpose of the Shahadah is that it emphasises the Islamic principle of Tawhid (the oneness of God) as it helps Muslims maintain a clear understanding of their faith and avoid any form of idolatry. It also affirms the teachings of Muhammad as the final prophet, which provides a structure for living a life in accordance with Islamic values and ethics. Daily prayer is important as it helps Muslims maintain a constant connection with Allah and serves as a regular reminder of God's presence and guidance throughout the day.