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## VARIOUS ISLAMIC GREETINGS

### Exercise One:

Below you will find a sentence completion worksheet to be used by researchers at home or in school. This exercise takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the letter below using the following set of words:**

*lubricious- hard- lenient- smooth- explosive- erotic- gradually- eager- moist-  
harsh- irrationally- fatal- passionate- kind- cherry- nasty- free- war*

Three years is a long time to leave a letter unanswered, and your letter has been lying without an answer even longer than that. I had hoped that it would answer itself, or that other people would answer it for me. But there it is with its question—How in your opinion are we to prevent war?—still unanswered.

Pretty Hori, I don' t know you, but I do think you exist.

To our \_\_\_\_\_ Sheikh and able *emir* Abu Musab Abdul Wadud, may you be safe. May the peace, mercy, and blessings be with you.

I pray that my letter will find you in the best of spirits, moving from one victory to the next.

We have received the glad tidings of your victories in the Islamic Maghreb which came to us here in the East like a \_\_\_\_\_ breeze, reminding us of the victories of our forbearers, and it made us, along with others very happy.

Scared at the moment of birds.

In the first place let us draw what all letter-writers instinctively draw, a sketch of the person to whom the letter is addressed. Without someone warm and breathing on the other side of the page, letters are worthless.

Our dear Sheikh, we don't yet have the full details of your conquest of Timbuktu and Mali, but we are sure that they are your victories, and the fruits of your jihad and steadfastness. We do not know if you and Ansar Dine are two factions, or if you are like us... Smile!!

We pray that you continue to be victorious. Generations of the Umma lived without really knowing the tenets of their religion. They have been hard-pressed by their needs and by the hard toil of making a living. They are being governed by rulers who seek to distance them from their religion.

But you are sent to this Umma to move them towards the \_\_\_\_\_ path. You have to be \_\_\_\_\_ to them and make room for compassion and for leniency.

Now you the uneducated, you with an untrained mind, could not possibly deal

with such questions satisfactorily. War, as the result of impersonal forces, is you will agree beyond the grasp of the untrained mind.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ *Sheikh*, crowned is your jihad with victories and put the country in your hands. The places under your control are a model for an Islamic state. The world is waiting to see what you'll do next and how you will manage the affairs of your state. Let it be known my \_\_\_\_\_ *Sheikh* that people have neglected their religion.

I am here to be your friend. My sense are to care for you (and the others) as a daughter.

And Creon said: "I will take her where the path is loneliest, and hide her, living, in a \_\_\_\_\_ vault." And he shut her not in \_\_\_\_\_ or in a concentration camp, but in a tomb.

Try to win them over through the conveniences of life and by taking care of their daily needs like food, electricity and water. Providing these necessities will have a \_\_\_\_\_ effect on people, and will make them sympathize with us and feel that their fate is tied to ours. This is what we've observed during our \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

You have to take a \_\_\_\_\_ approach with them when it comes to their religious practices. You can't beat people for drinking alcohol when they don't even know the basics of how to pray.

Feeling un-secure and don' t know what is going on here. I am in the middle of war; however, kids keep singing naively.

You, then, who ask the question, are a little grey on the temples; the hair is no longer thick on the top of your head.

We have to first stop the great sins, and then move gradually to the lesser and lesser ones. When you find someone committing a sin, we have to address the issue by making the \_\_\_\_\_ call, and by giving \_\_\_\_\_ advice first, then by \_\_\_\_\_ rebuke, and then by force.

We have to first make them heed monotheism and fight paganism and sorcery, and

then move on to enforcing punishments of great sins. Enforcing Islamic punishments in \_\_\_\_\_time is something that was done by our forbearers.

And it needs to be applied through \_\_\_\_\_ judgement and following a verdict. Our opinion in the beginning was to postpone the issue.

They can act, and think for themselves. Perhaps even they can influence other people' s thoughts and actions.

Even if you can just establish love and hate, and the tenets of monotheism, it would be all right. It' s enough that the society is free of the great sins. As for the \_\_\_\_\_ sins and offenses, they have to be addressed \_\_\_\_\_, with patience, leniency and wisdom.

These are some of the issues we have dealt with and we wanted to keep you informed. You are our masters and we are your pupils. I pray that you will be kept safe. We are always \_\_\_\_\_to hear from you.

I don' t know if we' d ever meet, but hopefully one day we' ll share a bed. I' m in love, in \_\_\_\_\_. But of course, I had to think of \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ smelly one.

And Creon we read brought ruin on his house, and scattered the land with the bodies of the dead.

And wondered if good smelly garbage could be considered garbage. Make more. It fits better with love, since partly it is time for your end, up through every \_\_\_\_\_way.

Red electrical tape \_\_\_\_\_ over your hole.

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