

Dialogue Situation E: Courteousness

1. Read this hypothetical situation:

Nadia, a young Muslim girl, is selected by her teacher, Mr. Rambis, as “citizen of the month” for her friendly and cooperative behavior. After class, Mr. Rambis asks Nadia where she learned to be so courteous. According to the translation of the excerpts from the Qur’an and the Hadith below, how do you think Nadia would respond? Why?

2. Analyze these Qur’an and Hadith excerpts about courteousness to formulate your answer:

Qur’an IV: 86

“When a (courteous) greeting
Is offered you, meet it
With a greeting still more
Courteous, or (at least)
Of equal courtesy.
God takes careful account
Of all things.”

From the Hadith:

“Abdullah Ibn ‘Amr Ibn
Al’Aas (may God be pleased
with him) reported that the
Prophet Muhammad (Peace be
upon him) neither talked
indecently, nor did he listen to
indecent talk. He use to say:
‘The best of you are those who
have the best manners.’”

From the Hadith:

“Abu Dharr (may God be
pleased with him)
reported that the Prophet
Muhammad (Peace be
upon him) said: ‘Do not
consider even the
smallest good deed as
insignificant; even
meeting your brother
with a cheerful face is a
good deed.’”

3. Write what you think Nadia’s response would be and tell why she would respond this way: