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**Question: what are the characteristics of the legal hijab [TC: headscarf]? What are the characteristics of immodesty?**

**Answer**

**The characteristics of the legal headscarf:**

**Generally stated as follows:**

1. To properly cover the whole body including the face and the hands.
2. To be thick and not thin as the purpose of the hijab is to cover.
3. Not to be stylish, garnished or have colors which could attract attention.
4. To be larger and not tight on the body, and does not show the tempting areas of the body.
5. The hijab should be perfumed or scented for it is prohibited for women to use perfume while they go out and pass by men.

6. The hijab does not have to match men's clothes or look like them.
7. It should not look like what the infidel females wear.

### **Regarding the characteristics of immodesty:**

It is related to the following:

1. Immodesty is usually synonymous with the shedding of the hijab, the woman shows a part of her body in front of male strangers.
- 2 Immodesty is when the woman shows a part of her acquired beauty, such as what she wears under her gown ['Abayah].
- 3 Immodesty is when the woman sways, struts, and walks in an seductive manner way in front of men.

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- 4 Immodesty is when the woman is making sounds with her heels in order to show off what is hidden , which enflames passions more than looking at the ornaments worn. .
- 5 Immodesty is sweet talking and banter.
- 6 Immodesty is when associating with men, physical contact, companionship, and to be close together in vehicles, narrow hallways.

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