129324 - Ruling on keeping dolls and computer games in which the player dresses dolls

the question

I have several questions: 1. I really like playing games in which I dress dolls, because they teach me how to choose my outfits and choose their colours. Is there any sin on me, and what is the ruling on that? 2. I love to draw, especially anime, but I separate the head from the bodies. Is that haraam? 3. I take answers for the questions in my textbooks from the Internet. Is this haraam, knowing that the teacher knows about it? 4. What is the ruling on watching cartoons without music, but the girl characters wear athletic clothes? These cartoons are shown on the Majd children’s channel. 5. What is the ruling on wearing the burqa‘ (niqab) with the extra cover, meaning that no one can see my eyes?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Firstly:

There is nothing wrong with keeping dolls in the house, on condition that they belong to small children, because they serve the purpose of entertaining, training and teaching the children.

Please see the answers to questions no. 20325 and 119056 .

This has to do with dolls made of plastic or cloth, which usually help little girls to train to do their future tasks as mothers, such as combing their hair, dressing them in modest clothes, and other things that are well known in the world of children.

As for the games which involve dressing dolls, as mentioned in the question, the ruling on that is different. After looking at the websites to which the questioner referred, we found that they

involve clear evils and obvious sins, which guarantees that it is haraam to visit those websites and play these doll-dressing games. The reasons for this prohibition include the following:

1.. These games for girls are not the kind of games that are exempted according to Islamic teachings from the general prohibition on images; rather these are images of animate beings, whether they are drawn by hand or with the computer. The point here is that they are images of animate beings, which it is prohibited to draw.

For more information on this prohibition, please see the answers to questions no. 34839 , 10668 and 39806 .

2.. There are some serious problems with these images, as they show the images of semi-naked girls, so that the player can choose the right clothes for them. Such alluring images are undoubtedly haraam, because they are spreading immorality and evil. The girl may admire these bodies and underwear, and try to imitate them, which may lead to many bad consequences.

3. These games include images which encourage immorality and unlawful relationships, as the players are asked to choose clothing that is suitable for young men and women to go out together on a first date, or to matchmake for marriage. This is wrong, and it is not permissible to allow it because of the evils that it involves. Allowing it means approving of unlawful relationships between young men and women, and encouraging them to do such things in real life, and it takes away the modesty and shyness of young girls and makes them get used to evil.

For these reasons, the ruling on visiting such websites is that it is haraam.

Secondly:

Anime, which is short for “animation,” is a type of cartoon. What the question is about is the ruling on drawing images of the heroes of these cartoons, such as Tom (who is the cat) and Jerry (who is the mouse), without showing their heads. The answer to that is:

When it comes to drawing things, everything is either animate, such as humans and animals, or inanimate, such as trees and rivers. If the drawing is of the second type, then there is nothing

wrong with it.

But if the drawing is of animate beings – which includes the heroes of cartoons – then the basic principle is that it is haraam, but if the drawing is without a head, then what appears to be the case is that it is permissible.

For information on the ruling on drawing animate beings, please see the answers to questions no. 7222 and 98424 .

Thirdly:

There is nothing wrong with taking the answers to questions in textbooks from the Internet or other sources, because this is a type of studying and learning.

Fourthly:

There is nothing wrong with watching cartoons, on condition that they adhere to Islamic guidelines. This has been discussed previously in the answer to question no. 97444.

Fifthly:

The niqab or burqa‘ is prescribed according to Islamic teachings, but some women are careless about adhering to the conditions of wearing it, which has led some of our contemporary scholars to disallow women to wear it.

For the one who adheres to the conditions of wearing it, there is nothing wrong with her wearing it, if Allah wills.

This has been discussed previously in the answers to questions no. 1496 and 21134 .

And Allah knows best.