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Short Answer Key

1. The Shahada is the central creed of Islam, bearing witness that there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger. It signifies the declaration of faith.
2. The purpose of the Hajj pilgrimage is to fulfill a religious obligation, seek forgiveness, and strengthen the spiritual connection with God. It is a mandatory journey for physically and financially capable Muslims.
3. Fasting during Ramadan is an act of self-discipline, reflection, and spiritual growth. Muslims abstain from food and drink from dawn until sunset, focusing on prayer, self-purification, and charity.
4. One dietary restriction in Islam is the prohibition of consuming pork. This restriction is based on Islamic teachings that consider pork impure.
5. An example of a predominantly Muslim country outside the Middle East is Indonesia.

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