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Summary of answer

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Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We greatly appreciate your interest in asking about Hajj even though you are so young and live so far away in Canada. We ask Allah to enable you to go for Hajj and do all its rites.

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Benefits of Hajj

Hajj brings immense benefits to people , as they declare the Unity (Tawhid) of Allah, there is forgiveness for the pilgrims, Muslims get to know one another and learn the rules of their religion, and so on.

And Allah knows best.