

Islamic Knowledge Competition: Study Notes Grade 5 & 6

Basic of Islam

What is the meaning of Islam?

Islam means obedience. Obedience means to accept, to submit and to follow. Islam therefore, means to submit to Allah and to follow His commands. We can have peace in our lives if we follow the commands of our Creator. So another meaning of Islam is peace. True peace lies only in following Allah's commands. Those who follow Islam are called Muslims.

Iman means belief or faith. To be a good Muslim, we must believe in:

Allah, Angels of Allah (Malaikah), Book of Allah (Kitabullah), Messengers of Allah (Rasulullah),

The day of Judgement (Yawmuddin),

Predestination or Supremacy of divine will (Al-Qadr) and Life after Death (Akhirah)

Belief in Allah:

One, who believes in Allah, believes that: There is no god but Allah.

Allah is ONE and ALMIGHTY.

There is no one like Allah.

Allah has no children and no partner.

Allah has been there from the beginning, and will always be existing.

Allah will never die.

He knows everything.

He sees everything.

He is the creator of the Universe.

He is our Lord.

Allah is the Greatest and Most-Merciful. He is the Most-Kind and Most-Loving.

Allah has provided us with everything.

He created us as the best. He sent prophets to guide us and to tell us how to obey him; how to live like good human beings and be happy and successful.

Belief in Angels of Allah:

Angels are created by Allah. They are Allah's servants; they obey Allah's commands and carry out his orders. We cannot see them; they do not have a body like us. If Allah wills they can take any

shape.

We know the name of some angels through the Quran and Prophet Muhammad (S). They are: Jibrail (Gabriel), Azrail (Azrael), Israfil, Mikhail (Michael), Ridwan, Munkar and Nakir.

Angel Jibrail brought the message of Allah to Prophet Muhammad (S).

Belief in Books of Allah:

Allah has taught us how to live, to obey and worship Him. This guidance was given through Prophets in the form of revelations. The revelations given to the Prophets have always guided mankind.

The revelation given to prophet Muhammad (S) is called the Quran.

A Muslim believes in all revealed Books.

Those are the Tawrat (Torah) to Musa (Moses); Jabur (Psalms) to Dawud (David); the Injil (Gospel) to Isa (Jesus) and the Quran to Muhammad (S). The Quran also mentions Suhuf-i-Ibrahim (Scrolls of Abraham).

But the Books given to the Prophets before Muhammad (S) were not fully preserved, some were lost or they were changed by the people. Allah's words were mixed with man's ideas.

Belief in the Messengers of Allah:

Allah sent His guidance through the Prophets. They were men of great virtue and character. Their lives were truly pure and honourable. They are role models for mankind. They taught us how to obey Allah- our Creator. None of the Prophets claimed to be God. They themselves obeyed Allah and invited others to obey Him. Allah sent prophets to all people at different times.

All of the Prophets preached the same message of God. They preached peace and justice. While preaching the message of God, the Prophets were tortured, betrayed and ignored by the disbelievers. However, the good people of their time followed the Prophets with heart and soul. The Prophets gathered the good people and taught them

how to obey and worship God.

The Quran mentioned the names of 25 prominent Prophets.

Prophets mentioned in the Quran are also believed to be Prophets by Christians and Jews. Following are the Quranic names and English names (in bracket) of Prophets mentioned in the Quran.

Adam; Idris (Enoch); Nuh (Noah); Hud (Heber); Saleh (Shelah); Ibrahim (Abraham); Lut (Lot); Ismail (Ishmael); Ishaq (Isaac); Yaqub (Jacob); Yusuf (Joseph); Ayub (Job); Shoaib (Jethro); Musa (Moses); Harun (Aaron); Dhul-Kifl (possibly Ezekiel or Gautama Buddha); Daud (David); Sulayman (Solomon); Ilyas (Elijah); Al-Yasa (Elisha); Yunus (Jonah); Zakariya (Zacharias); Yahya (John the Baptist); Isa (Jesus) and Muhammad.

Belief in Life after death:

Our life in this world is temporary.

Everyone has to die. Death is a natural event. Muslims believe that Allah will bring an end to this world and extinction of all the creatures of this world. After that all human beings will be given back life to judge the deeds they have done in this present world. This great day is commonly known as Yawm al-Qiyamah (Day of the Raising of the Dead). The Quran has other names of this day. Those are given below: Yawm al-Din (Day of Judgment) Yawm al-Taghabun (Day of Loss and Gain) Yawm al-Bath (Day of Resurrection - to bring something to life) Yawm al-Hisab (Day of Reckoning-accountability) Yawm al-Haqqah (The day which is Inevitable)

In the Day of Judgment every person will be judged by Allah alone based on his or her acts in this world. Those who worship Allah and do good deeds in this world will be granted paradise. The Arabic word for paradise is Jannah. Those who disobey Allah willingly in this world and do not ask for forgiveness will be punished, the

punishment will be hell. The Arabic word for hell is Jahannam.

This life after death is called Akhirah. Belief in Akhirah has a great impact in the life of a believer. He knows that Allah is watching all his actions and he will have to account for them on the Day of Judgment. His conduct and behaviour will therefore be responsible, controlled and careful. To prepare for that day and to be rewarded by our Lord, we need to do all that Allah demands of us and give up all the bad habits and wrong actions. We can do this if we follow the guidance given to our Prophet Muhammad (S) by Allah. This is the safest course for our success in life, both in this world and in the life after death.

Muslims follow the Quran.

The Quran is the words of Allah. It was revealed to the last Prophet Muhammad (S). The words of the Quran are fully preserved in its original form. Not a single word of it has been changed or lost. It is found today exactly as it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (S). A Muslim believes in all the Books of Allah, but as the earlier Books are lost or have been changed; a Muslim follows the Quran only.

Allah wants to guide men and women through revelation (wahi). It is the prophets who received the revelations and then they conveyed those to their followers. Revelation is a message and guidance from Allah, the Arabic word for revelation is **Wahi**.

It means Guidance from Allah is called **Hidayah**.

Revelations were sent to Prophets in different ways.

Revelation by inspiration- like a dream: example, Allah guided Prophet Ibrahim (A) to make a sacrifice of his son.

Revelation by speech (behind the scene): example, Allah spoke to Prophet Musa (A) in the mountain of Torah.

Revelation through Angel: example, Allah revealed the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (S) through angel Jibrail.

The first revelation of the Quran was 5

verses from Surah al-Alaq. Which are as follows:

"Read in the name of your Lord, Who created man from a clot of blood. Read and your Lord is most Bountiful, Who taught (the use of) the pen, He taught man which he knew not."

There was no revelation for a certain period of time after the first.

The second revelation is the first beginning verses of Surah Al-Muddather, which begins as follows- " O you, Who is covered in your cloak, arise and warn."

Some of the earliest Surahs are Al-Muzzammil, Al-Fatiha, Al-Takweer, Al-A'laa, Al-Lael, Al-Fazr

The revelation continued till the death of the Prophet (S). It was approximately for 23 years.

One of the last revelations is- "This day I (Allah) have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." Surah 5: verse 4.

Names of surahs: Each of the 114 surahs has their own name. Allah and His messenger have given a name to each surah. Usually the surah is named from a word used in that particular surah. Surahs are sometimes named according to an event or subject mentioned in that specific surah. Examples: Surah Al-Fatiha: the opening, Surah Al-Baqarah: The Cow; Surah Al-Imran: The family of Imran; Surah An-Nisa: The Women; Surah Maidah: The table spread; Surah An-Amm: The cattle.

The Quran contain stories (Qasas, sg. Qissah).

"We do relate unto thee the most beautiful of stories." 12:3

The Quranic stories are about:

- Prophets of Allah, their people, their message, their call ...etc., for example Nuh (A), Musa (A), and Isa (A).
- Past people or events, e.g. the Companions of the cave.
- Events that took place during the lifetime of the Prophet, e.g. battle of Badr.

- The Quran tells us the story of previous nations. It tells us the stories of good people of the past that followed the path of Allah and His prophets.

- It also tells us stories of bad people and how Allah punished them in this world.

Some teachings of the Quran are:

There is only one true God- Allah.

Everything in this universe belongs to Allah.

We should worship, obey and serve Allah. Allah guides people by sending His Prophets and Messengers, His revelations and Books.

Muhammad (S) is the last Messenger.

The Quran is the last book of guidance.

One day whole world will come to and end.

This day is called The Last day.

After death, all dead will be brought to life.

On that day Allah will judge all of the people.

Good people will be rewarded. They will go to Heaven (Paradise).

Bad people will be punished. They will be throne to Hell.

The Quran tells us:

The Quran tell us how to become good men and women.

The Quran tell us how to obey, worship and serve Allah.

The Quran tell us how what is the difference between right and wrong.

The Quran tell us how to do well and give up bad habits

The Quran tell us how to behave with parents, brothers, friends, and neighbours

The Quran tell us how to live pious, happy, peaceful and good life.

The Quran tell us how everything that is needed for our success in this world and in the Hereafter.

The Quran tell us stories of the good people of the past who followed the path of Allah and His Prophets.

It also tells us the stories of bad people and how Allah punished them.

Practicing Islam

Learn the meaning of Dua Qunut.

The lessons and significance of Salah are:

Salah brings us closer to Allah.

It keeps us away from indecent, shameful and forbidden activities.

It teaches us to control evil desire and passions.

It purifies heart and comforts the soul.

It is a constant reminder of Allah and His greatness.

It develops discipline and willpower.

It is the source of patience, courage, hope and confidence.

It is a mean to purity, cleanliness and punctuality.

It demonstrates our obedience to our Creator.

It is a proof of equality, unity and brotherhood.

Study of the Quran

Memorize last 15 Surahs of the Quran

Memorize and study the meaning:

Verses 190-194, Surah Al-Imran (Surah 3). Visit www.muslimville.com for teachings of those verses.

Study of the Hadith

Love for Prophet (S)

Prophet (S) said: "None of you has faith unless I (Prophet) am dearer to him than his father, and his son and all mankind." Mentioned in Bukhari

Modesty

Prophet (S) said: "Modesty (Haya) is part of faith." Mentioned in Bukhari & Muslim

Politeness

Prophet (S) said: "Allah is polite and likes politeness." - Condensed from Muslim

Brotherhood

Prophet (S) said: "Each of you is a mirror of his brother, if you see something wrong in your brother, you must tell him to get rid of it." -Mentioned Tirmidhi

Gifts

Prophet (S) said: "Give gifts to one another, for gifts take away malice." -

Mentioned in Mishkat

Visiting the sick

Prophet (S) said: "Visit the sick, feed the hungry and free the captives." -Mentioned in Bukhari

Examples of some general questions

(Visit www.muslimville.com for the answers.)

What are the names of 25 prominent Prophets mentioned in Quran?

What is the meaning of the word 'Quran'?

What are the other names of Quran, mentioned in Quran itself?

What is the first word revealed to Muhammad (S)?

In which month Quran was revealed?

In which night the Quran was revealed?

How many surahs are in the Quran?

What is the largest surah in the Quran?

Name two surahs named after insect.

Name two surahs named after animals.

Do all Surah begin with 'Bismilla hir rahmanir rahim'?

Who are called 'Qari'?

What is the meaning of 'Hafiz-UI-Quran'?

The Quran tells us about some brave young believers who along with a dog slept

for several years in a cave. What is the

name given to that group of believers?

Which surah of the Quran mentioned that incident?

What is the name of the Prophet who was thrown in a well by his own brothers?

Which surah of the Quran mentioned that incident?

What is the name of the first house built to worship Allah?

Who first built Kabah?

What is the name of the stone on which Prophet Ibrahim (A) stood while building the Kabah.

What is the name of the son of Prophet Ibrahim (A) who helped him building the Kabah?

What is the old name of Makkah?

What is the old name of Madina?

Who are called Ansar?

Who are called Muhajir?

Which event marks the beginning of the Islamic Calendar year?

What is the name of the mosque which Muslims used to face while praying before the Kabah?

What is the name of the fountain beside the Kabah?

Who gave the advice to introduce Azan for prayer?

Who is the first person to call Azan?

Name the uncle of Prophet who used to torture him along with his wife; whose name is mentioned in the Quran.

Name the uncle of the Prophet Muhammad (S) who was martyred in the battle of Uhud.

Name the Arabic months.

What are the names of the two sons of Prophet Muhammad (S) and Khadijah (R) - who died at childhood?

What are the names of the four daughters of Prophet Muhammad (S) and Khadijah (R).

What is the name of the youngest son of Prophet Muhammad (S) whose mother was Mariam (R).

In which Islamic year (Hijri) the Prophet performed the last Hajj?

In which Islamic year (Hijri) and month the Prophet died?

What is the meaning of the word 'Masjid'?

What is 'Hijab'?

What is 'Halal' and 'Haram'?

What is Sunnah?

When is the 'Eid ul Fitr'?

When is 'Eid ul Adha'?

What is the meaning of 'As Salamu Alaikum'?

What is the importance of showing respect to others?

How should we behave with our parents?

How should we treat our neighbours?

How should we be with our friends?

What is the importance of following the Prophet (S)?

If you really love Prophet (S), what do you have to do?