

# Islamic Knowledge Competition: Study Notes Age 10 & 11

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## 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 Allaah 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 Allaah's commands. Those who follow Islam are called Muslims.

**Iman means** belief or faith. To be a good Muslim, we must believe in: Allaah, Angels of Allaah (Malaikah), Book of Allaah (Kitabullah), Messengers of Allaah (Rasulullah), The day of Judgment (Yawmuddin), Predestination or Supremacy of divine will (Al-Qadr) and Life after Death (Aakhirah)

### Belief in Allaah:

One, who believes in Allaah, believes that:

There is no god but Allaah.

Allaah is ONE and ALMIGHTY.

There is no one like Allaah.

Allaah has no children and no partner.

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

Allaah will never die.

He knows everything.

He sees everything.

He is the creator of the Universe.

He is our Lord.

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

Allaah has provided us with everything.

He created us as the best of creation. 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 Allaah:

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

We know the name of some angels through the Qur'aan and Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. They are: Jibrail (Gabriel), Azrail (Azrael), Israfil, Mikhail (Michael), Ridwan, Munkar and Nakir.

Angel Jibrail brought the message of Allaah to Prophet Muhammad

صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.

### Belief in Books of Allaah:

Allaah 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 صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم is called the Qur'aan. A Muslim believes in all revealed Books. Those are the Tawrah (Torah) to Musa (Moses); Zaboor (Psalms) to Dawud (David); the Injil (Gospel) to Isa (Jesus) and the Qur'aan to Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. The Qur'aan also mentions Suhuf-i-Ibrahim (Scrolls of Abraham).

But the Books given to the Prophets before Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم were not fully preserved, some were lost or they were changed by the people. Allaah's words were mixed with man's ideas.

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## Belief in the Messengers of Allaah:

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

All 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 one God.

## The Qur'aan mentioned the names of 25 prominent Prophets.

Prophets mentioned in the Qur'aan are also believed to be Prophets by Christians and Jews. Following are the Qur'aanic names and English names (in brackets) of Prophets mentioned in the Qur'aan.

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 Allaah 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 Qur'aan 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)

On the Day of Judgment every person will be judged by Allaah alone based on his or her acts in this world. Those who worship Allaah and do good deeds in this world will be granted paradise. The Arabic word for paradise is Jannah. Those who disobey Allaah, 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 Allaah is watching all his actions and he will have to account for them on the Day of Judgment. His conduct and behavior 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 Allaah 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 ﷺ by Allaah. This is the safest course for our success in life, both in this world and in the life after death.

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## Muslims follow the Qur'aan.

The Qur'aan is the words of Allaah. It was revealed to the last Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The words of the Qur'aan 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 ﷺ. A Muslim believes in all the Books of Allaah, but as the earlier Books are lost or have been changed; a Muslim follows the Qur'aan only.

## Allaah 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 Allaah, the Arabic word for revelation is **Wahi**.

It means Guidance from Allaah, called **Hidayah**.

## Revelations were sent to Prophets in different ways.

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

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

Revelation through Angel: example, Allaah revealed the Qur'aan to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through angel Jibrail.

**The first revelation of the Qur'aan was 5 aayaat from soorah 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 few beginning aayaat of soorah Al-Muddather, which begins as follows- " O you, Who is covered in your cloak, arise and warn."

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

**The revelation continued till the death of the Prophet ﷺ.** It was approximately for 23 years.

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

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

## The Qur'aan contains stories (Qasas, sg. Qissah).

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

The Qur'aanic stories are about:

- Prophets of Allaah, 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.

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- The Qur'aan tells us the story of previous nations. It tells us the stories of good people of the past that followed the path of Allaah and His prophets.

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

### **Some teachings of the Qur'aan are:**

There is only one true God- Allaah.

Everything in this universe belongs to Allaah.

We should worship, obey and serve Allaah.

Allaah guides people by sending His Prophets and Messengers, His revelations and Books.

Muhammad ﷺ is the last Messenger.

The Qur'aan is the last book of guidance.

One day the whole world will come to an end. This day is called The Last day.

After death, all dead will be brought to life. On that day Allaah will judge all of the people.

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

Evil people will be punished. They will be thrown to Hell.

### **The Qur'aan tells us:**

The Qur'aan tells us how to become good men and women.

The Qur'aan tells us how to obey, worship and serve Allaah.

The Qur'aan tells us what is the difference between right and wrong.

The Qur'aan tell us how to do well and give up bad habits

The Qur'aan tell us how to behave with parents, brothers, friends, and neighbors

The Qur'aan tells us how to live a pious, happy, peaceful and good life.

The Qur'aan tells us how everything that is needed for our success in this world and in the Hereafter.

The Qur'aan tells us stories of the good people of the past who followed the path of Allaah and His Prophets.

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

## **Practicing Islam**

### **Learn the meaning of Dua Qunut.**

#### **The lessons and significance of Salah are:**

Salah brings us closer to Allaah.

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

It teaches us to control evil desire and passions.

It purifies the heart and comforts the soul.

It is a constant reminder of Allaah and His greatness.

It develops discipline and willpower.

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

It is a means to purity, cleanliness and punctuality.

It demonstrates our obedience to our Creator.

It is a proof of equality, unity and brotherhood.

## **Study of the Qur'aan**

Memorize last 15 suwar of the Qur'aan

Memorize and study the meaning:  
aayaat 190-194, soorah Al-Imran (soorah 3).

## **Study of the Hadith**

### **Love for Prophet ﷺ**

Prophet ﷺ 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

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## Modesty

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

## Politeness

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Allaah is polite and likes politeness." - Condensed from Muslim

## Brotherhood

The Prophet ﷺ 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

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Give gifts to one another, for gifts take away malice." -Mentioned in Mishkat

## Visiting the sick

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Visit the sick, feed the hungry and free the captives." -Mentioned in Bukhari

## General Questions

**What are the names of 25 prominent Prophets mentioned in the Qur'aan?**

Adam(A), Idris(A), Nuh(A), Hud(A), Salih(A), Ibrahim(A), Harun(A), Isma'il(A), Ishaq(A), Lut(A), Ya'qub(A), Yusuf(A), Shu'aib(A), Ayyub(A), Musa(A), Dhul-kifl(A), Dawud(A), Sulaiman(A), Ilias(A), Al-Yasa(A), Yunus(A), Zakariyya(A), Yahya(A), Isa(A) & Muhammad

ﷺ .

**What is the meaning of the word 'Qur'aan'?**

- The meaning of the word 'Qur'aan' is "the reading" or "that which is to be read".

**What are the other names of the Qur'aan, mentioned in the Qur'aan itself?**

The other names of Qur'aan, mentioned in Qur'aan itself, are:  
Al-Furqan (the Criterion between right and wrong)  
Kitabullah (the Book of Allaah)  
Kalamullah (the words of Allaah)

**What is the first word revealed to Muhammad ﷺ?**

- The first word revealed to Muhammad ﷺ is "Iqra".

**In which month the Qur'aan was revealed?**

- The Qur'aan was revealed in the month of Ramadan.

**How many suwar are in the Qur'aan?**

- There are 114 suwar in the Qur'aan

**What is the largest soorah in the Qur'aan?**

- The largest soorah in the Qur'aan is Al-Baqara.

**Name some suwar named after insects.**

- Al-Nahl (the bee), Al-Ankabut (the spider) and Al-Naml (the ant).

**Name some suwar named after animals.**

- Al-Baqarah (the cow), Al-Adiyat (the charging horses) and Al-Fil (the elephant).

**Do all soorah begin with 'Bismillah hir rahmanir rahim'?**

- Only soorah At-Tawbah of the Qur'aan does not start with 'Bismilla hir rahman ir rahim'

**Who is called 'Qari'?**

- Qari is the one who has learned and mastered perfect recitation of the Qur'aan. Qari means the excellent reader of the Qur'aan.

**What is the meaning of 'Hafiz-UI-Qur'aan'?**

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- Whoever has memorized the Qur'aan is called Hafiz-ul-Qur'aan, meaning protector of the Qur'aan.

**The Qur'aan 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 soorah of the Qur'aan mentioned that incident?**

- The group of brave young believers who along with a dog slept for several years in a cave is called As-safe Kahaf (the resident of the cave). The name of the soorah mentioned in the story of As-safe Kahaf is Al-Kahf (the Cave).

**What is the name of the Prophet who was thrown in a well by his own brothers? Which soorah of the Qur'aan mentioned that incident?**

-The name of the Prophet who was thrown in a well by his own brothers is Yusuf (A). The name of soorah mentioning the incident of Yusuf(A) is Al-Yusuf.

**What is the name of the first house built to worship Allaah?**

- The first house built to worship Allaah is Kaba.

**Who first built Kaaba?**

- Prophet Ibrahim (A) first built Kaaba.

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

- The name of the stone on which Prophet Ibrahim (A) stood while building the Kaaba is Makame Ibrahim,

**What is the name of the son of Prophet Ibrahim (A) who helped him build the Kaaba?**

- The name of the son of Prophet Ibrahim (A) who helped him build the Kaaba is Ismail (A).

**What is the old name of Makkah?**

- Bakkah is the old name of Makkah. This is mentioned in the Qur'aan.

**What is the old name of Madina?**

- The old name of Madina is Yathrib and should not be used because the prophet renamed it..

**Who is called Ansar?**

- The muslim residents of Madina who gave shelter to the people who migrated from Makkah are called Ansar.

**Who is called Muhajiroon?**

- The group of people who migrated from Makkah is called Muhajiroon.

**Which event marks the beginning of the Islamic Calendar year?**

- The beginning of the Islamic Calendar year is marked by the event of migration of Muslims from Makkah to Madina.

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

- Muslims used to face Masjidul Aqsa (while praying) before the Kabah?

**What is the name of the fountain beside the Kabah?**

- The fountain beside the Kabah is called Zamzam.

**Who gave the advice to introduce Azan for prayer?**

- Omar (R).

**Who is the first person to call Azan?**

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- Bilal (R) 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 Qur'aan.**

- Abu Lahab, uncle of Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, used to torture Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.

**Name the uncle of the Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم who was Shaheed in the battle of Uhud.**

- Hamza (R), uncle of the Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, was killed (Shaheed) in the battle of Uhud.

**Name the major battles fought by the Prophet against his enemies.**

- Three major battles fought by the Prophet against his enemies are: the battle of Badr, the battle of Uhud and the battle of trench (Khandaq).

**Name the Arabic months.**

- Names of 12 Arabic months are: Muharram, Safar, Rabiul-Awal, Rabiul-Sani, Jamadiul-Awal, Jamadiul-Sani, Rajab, Shaban, Ramadan, Shawal, Jil Kath and Jilhajj.

**In which year and month, the Prophet conquered Makkah?**

- The Prophet conquered Makkah in the month of Ramadan of 10th Hijra.

**What are the names of the two sons of Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and Khadijah (R) - who died at childhood?**

- Al-Qasim and Al-Tahir.

**What are the names of the four daughters of Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and Khadijah (R)?**

- Fatima (R), Zaynab (R), Umm Qulsum (R), Ruqayyah (R).

**What is the name of the youngest son of Prophet Muhammad**

صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم **whose mother was Mariam (R)?**

- Ibrahim (R).

**In which Islamic year Hijri did the Prophet perform his last Hajj?**

- The prophet performed his last Hajj in 10th Hijra.

**In which Islamic year Hijra and month the Prophet died?**

- The Prophet died in the month of Rabiul-Awwal in 10th Hijra.

**What is the meaning of the word 'Masjid'?**

- The meaning of the Arabic word "Masjid" is the place of prostration (sujud).

**What is 'Mehrab', 'Minar' and 'Mimbar'?**

The extension of the masjid in front of the place where the imam stands is called Mehrab.

The tower of the masjid building is called Minar.

The platform from where the imam delivers the speech during Friday prayer is called a Mimbar.

**What is 'Halaal' and 'Haraam'?**

- The act or things permissible by the Qur'aan and Sunnah is called halal. And the act or things prohibited by the Qur'aan and Sunnah is called Haram.

**What is Sunnah?**

- The life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم is called Sunnah.

**When is the 'Eid ul Fitr'?**

- The first day of the month of Shawal in the Islamic calendar is Eid ul Fitr.

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## When is 'Eid ul Adha'?

- The 10th day of the month zil-Hajj in the Islamic calendar is Eid ul Adha.

## What is the meaning of 'As Salam Alaikum'?

The meaning of Assalamu Alaikum is Peace be upon you.

## What is the importance of showing respect to others?

- Showing respect to others is a means of getting respect from others. Islam teaches us to respect our parents, teachers, relatives and neighbours. We should respect our friends, our younger brothers and sisters.

## How should we behave with our parents?

- we should be kind to our parents
- we should take care of them
- we should talk to them politely and not be rude or shout at them

## How should we treat our neighbors?

- we should be helpful towards our neighbors
- we should visit them when they are sick
- we should be polite with them and not quarrel
- we should not be jealous of them but should celebrate their happiness
- we should help them when they are in trouble

## How should we be with our friends?

- we should befriend those who have good manners
- we should help friends whenever they need help
- we should not abuse our friends

- we should treat them with good manners and share our knowledge with them

## What is modesty? Why is it so important?

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

Haya is a quality of a Muslim. It refers to feeling of shame when a bad act is done or something indecent happens.

## What should we do as the followers of Muhammad ﷺ?

- The Prophet left two things for us, one the Qur'aan and the other his Sunnah. The Qur'aan is the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah is the teachings of the Prophet. So, as followers of the prophet we should follow the path of the Qur'aan and the Sunnah. We should preach to others to follow the same way.

## If you really love the Prophet ﷺ, what do you have to do?

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