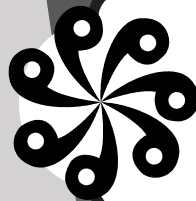




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RAMADAN
cool 2010

An educational program to spend
Ramadan in a planned & Islamic way



**9th Annual MuslimVille
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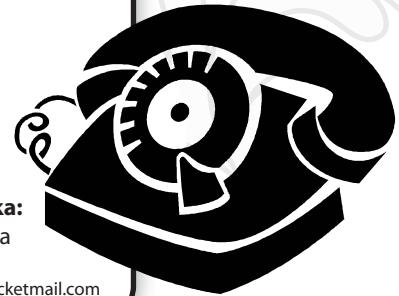
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Muslim Kids' Ramadan Competition Registration Form

Registration is free! To register online visit www.muslimville.com or fill out the form below and mail to 66 Commodore Drive, Brampton, ON., L6X0S6

Parent's Information

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Participant's Information

Insha'Allah I will participate in

This Ramadan Sponsor an Orphan

Smart-Cool Week

Ramadan Activities Challenge

Islamic Knowledge Competition

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

I/We will download the Ramadan Competition 2010 booklet from online

Please send us the Ramadan Competition 2010 booklet by mail*

*we request a \$5 donation for the cost of mailing the booklet. Please visit muslimville.com/about-us/donate.html to donate online

For Children in JK to 8 MuslimVille Ramadan Competition 2010

Be active during the month of Ramadan and participate in the following programs:

Smart-Cool Week.

During the month of Ramadan, participants have to designate a week as Smart-Cool Week. The aim of this program is to focus on creativity, productivity, and learning by decreasing the amount of time spent watching T.V. and playing video games. Participants are encouraged to make an Islamic project or a creative work and submit it online. (see page 10 for details.)

Ramadan Activities Challenge.

As part of this program, participants will keep track of all the good activities they do during the month of Ramadan in a Ramadan Activities Challenge Report. They will submit their report at the end of Ramadan. This is to encourage activities such as fasting, praying 5 times a day, memorizing verses from the Quran and supplications, reading Islamic books, volunteering to help the needy, etcetera. (see page 8 & 9 for details.)

This Ramadan Sponsor an Orphan.

Also known as Muslim Kids' Ramadan Fundraising, this program aims to encourage caring for the less fortunate. Participants are encouraged to collect money which will be used to sponsor orphans around the world. Since 2006, the money collected by the participants has been used to sponsor 27 orphans. (see page 10 for details.)

Islamic Knowledge Competition.

Participants are encouraged to learn from the study notes (pages 11-15) prepared by MuslimVille. They will be tested on their knowledge, after Ramadan, by a written or online evaluation. Study notes are also available online. The theme for Ramadan 2010 is "Quran: The Book of God". (see page 6 for details.)

Help us organize this competition.

If you are interested in organizing this program at your institution, community, or school, please contact MuslimVille. It does not require much effort to organize, MuslimVille will provide all logistic support for the competition.

Also, We need volunteers on the day of the competition and to help distribute our information bulletin. If you are interested, please contact MuslimVille.

Prizes.

All registered participants will receive a participation prize.

A grand prize of \$50 will be awarded to the individual with the best participation.

In addition, the top 50 participants (5 from each grade) will receive a top prize.

The Prize Giving Ceremony and Final Evaluation will take place on Saturday October 2, 2010

Visit MuslimVille.com for location details.

Point Distribution

Prizes will be awarded based on the evaluation of the quality of participation in the different programs. The possible points for each section are:

50 marks | Islamic Knowledge Competition*

10 marks | Submission of Ramadan study evaluation sheet

40 marks | Right answers to Ramadan study evaluation sheet

50 marks | Final Evaluation Quiz
(written/online/over-the-phone)

25 marks | Ramadan Activities Challenge

25 marks | Muslim Kids Ramadan Fundraising

25 marks | Smart-Cool Week

*Grand Prize & Top Prize winners must get at least 80% in the Islamic Knowledge Competition

Remember that whatever good we do during the month of Ramadan it is to Please Allah SWT. So the reward we should seek is the best one, the one from Allah SWT. Insha'Allah, Allah SWT will reward your intentions and actions during this blessed month.



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MuslimVille

TOWARDS AN IDEAL COMMUNITY

Founded in 2000, MuslimVille is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to organizing educational activities and events for children and parents.

What do we do?



Poster Exhibition

Al-Quran The Eternal Guidance is a series of 28 posters on the message, wisdom and miracles of the Quran. This is Muhammad (PBUH) is a series of 12 posters containing quotes from different contemporary scholars praising the Prophet, MuslimVille's response to the cartoon attacks on him. The Ramadan poster series emphasizes and educates about our holy month. These posters are ideal for use as educational and display material and have been showcased at festivals, educational institutions, libraries, mosques and public places. You can print them online, order for yourself or request an exhibit at www.muslimville.com/posters

LittleSadaqa.com

LittleSadaqa.com is a project of MuslimVille. The money collected can be used for any Islamic cause as per wish of the donor. The aim of this program is to build a loving bond between North American Muslim Children and the poor and the needy children of the less fortunate parts of the world. LittleSadaqa.com is in partnership with ICNA Relief and IRFAN Canada.

Ramadan Competition

Designed as an educational program for Muslim children to be more involved in Islamic learning and activities during the month of Ramadan this event has been participated by hundreds of Muslim children throughout Canadian cities since 2001. This competition is organized for children of JK to Grade 8. To find out more about this competition please visit www.RamadanCompetition.com

Online Community

Something for everyone! MuslimVille's interactive website has games and activities for children, tips and articles for parents, and resources.

Visit Our websites:

- » ThisIsMuhammad.com
- » MuslimKidsville.com
- » AlQuran.Muslimville.com
- » IslamOnTV.com
- » NaseehaTV.com
- » LittleSadaqa.com

Seminars and Workshops

Parenting can be stressful and not knowing how makes it even harder. MuslimVille organizes regular events to increase understanding and awareness on parenting issues. To find out about upcoming events please visit www.muslimville.com/events



MuslimVille.TV

Launched in 2006 to provide a new medium to the Muslim organizations and individuals in their quest to share the beauty and message of Islam to the rest of the world, MuslimVille.TV provides the most complete toolset to deliver interactive video experiences to global audiences using an award-winning content delivery network. Watch! Upload! Share!

This Ramadan Sponsor an Orphan

Today there are millions of orphans around the world, they are amongst the most vulnerable in society because they do not have the same opportunities as other children. They are often forced into child labour to survive and are deprived of a normal childhood. The orphans are usually deprived of food, clothing, sufficient healthcare and a good education. The greatest tragedy of all is their lack of education.

Given the opportunity to go to school, these orphans could develop the practical skills which would enable their communities to break out of the cycle of poverty. Islam teaches us to help the needy, especially the orphans.

MuslimVille has launched 'Muslim Kids Ramadan Fundraising' in the year 2006 as part of 'MuslimVille Ramadan Competition' which now

helps orphans from Canada, Indonesia, Kashmir, Palestine, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Kenya.

This is a program by the children for the children to encourage caring for others. In the month of Ramadan children raise money for the needy and the poor. Their efforts are used to provide food, shelter, healthcare, education and emotional support to orphans. MuslimVille works in partnership with IRFAN and ICNA Relief.

Participant of this program can send greeting cards, special gifts & letters to our sponsored orphans. Participants will also receive reports of the program.

This program is a symbol of a loving bond between Canadian Muslim Children with orphan children in less fortunate parts of the world.

Donate \$20 before Ramadan to get a Sadaqa Volunteer Kit which includes a t-shirt, a do-it-yourself donation box, and a pack of 25 bookmarks to help you start your fundraising.

Donation from *This Ramadan Sponsor an Orphan* is being used for following projects:

- » Orphan Sponsorship
- » Zabiha in Orphanage
- » Educational Support for orphans
- » School Bag for Orphan



- » Is a campaign to encourage children to empathize and care for the poor and needy. Encourages children to collect money for donation to give to the poor and needy.
- » Is a project of MuslimVille. The money collected can be used for any Islamic cause as per wish of the family of participating children. The aim of program is build a loving bond between Canadian Muslim Children and the poor and needy children in less fortunate parts of the world.
- » Is in partnership with ICNA Relief and IRFAN Canada.

2006

256 participants.
10 Orphans sponsored in Indonesia, Kenya, Kashmir, Palestine, Bangladesh.
Zabiha in 1 Orphanage.

\$4,930 raised.

2007

520 participants.
27 Orphans sponsored in Indonesia, Kenya, Kashmir, Palestine, Pakistan, Kosovo, Bangladesh.
Zabiha in 1 Orphanage.
3 Orphan Educational Support.

\$11,960 raised.

2008

450 participants.
25 Orphans sponsored in Indonesia, Kenya, Kashmir, Palestine, Pakistan, Kosovo, Bangladesh.
Zabiha in 1 Orphanages..

\$10,500 raised.

2009

500 participants.
25 orphans sponsored and Zabiha in Orphanages.
50 School Bags for Orphans

\$9,400 raised.

2010

Target:
1000 participants.
35 orphan sponsorship
Zabiha in 5 Orphanages.
5 Orphan Educational Support in Canada.
100 School Bags for Orphans

HELP US TO REACH OUR GOAL!

\$20,000 to be raised.

Islamic Knowledge Competition 2010

Theme: Quran, The Book of God



- › Learn more about Islam during the month of Ramadan
- › Study the notes for your grade and answer the *Ramadan Study Evaluation* during Ramadan.
- › Complete the Ramadan Study Projects and submit them.
- › Be prepared for the final evaluation quiz taking place after Ramadan.

Point Distribution

10 marks- Submission of the Ramadan Study Evaluation sheet

40 marks- Correctly answering the Ramadan Study Evaluation sheet

50 marks- Final evaluation quiz (written/online/over-the-phone)

Grand & Top Prize winners must get at least 80% in the Islamic Knowledge Competition.

Evaluation

› Ramadan Evaluation Question Sheet

Once you are registered, you will receive the *Ramadan Study Evaluation* specific for your grade by mail from MuslimVille or from your participating school, institution, or mosque.

› The *Ramadan Study Evaluation* will also be posted online and available from participating school, institution, or mosque.

› Participants must understand that they have to answer the questions on their own.

› The Ramadan Study Evaluation and Ramadan Study Projects must be submitted by Saturday September 18, 2010 via mail: MuslimVille, 66 Commodore Drive, Brampton, ON., L6X0S6; or E-mail: scan the answers and send them to mail@muslimville.com.

Final Evaluation Quiz

The final evaluation will take place after Ramadan on Saturday October 2, 2010 through a final quiz based on the Ramadan

study notes (see page 11-15). This quiz will be written, verbally over the phone or online.

Written & Verbal Quiz

Alhamdulillah, many Islamic institutions, schools and communities have come forward to organize a written quiz (for grades 3 to 8) and verbal quiz (for JK, SK and Grades 1 & 2) on Saturday October 2 2010, 10 A.M. So look for updates on our webpage for locations near you.

Locations for participants to go for the written quiz will be posted at www.muslimville.com. All participants will be notified by e-mail about the locations InshaAllah.

Online Quiz (for Grade 3 to 8)*

There will be an online quiz on Saturday October 2, 2010, 10 A.M. EST to 1 P.M. for those participants who reside in an area where arrangements for the written test have not been made. Participants can start anytime from 10am to 1pm but must finish within 1 hour of the start time.

Visit www.MuslimVille.com for a demo online quiz.

Over the Phone Quiz (for JK, SK and Grades 1 & 2)*

MuslimVille will conduct the quiz over the phone on Saturday October 2, 2010 10 A.M. EST to 1 P.M. for those participants who might not have a chance to go for the verbal quiz. Participants will be contacted by the MuslimVille team during this period of time for the verbal quiz which will take 15 to 20 minutes for each participant. The verbal quiz is a random set of questions and recitations from the study notes.

**To participate in the online & over-the-phone quiz, participants must inform MuslimVille of their intent to do so during registration. They will be provided with a password for the online test following the request.*

Tear out this page from the newsletter here

& fold along the dotted line to make your own Report booklet

Your Personal Online Blog **MyPost**

- » Visit www.mypost.muslimville.com
- » Submit your projects/articles/artworks
- » Show case your talent.

MyPost is to encourage you to be creative and active during the month of Ramadan. You can choose to post, for example:

- » Your experience with fasting.
- » Your feelings towards those less fortunate than you.
- » A quote that inspired you.
- » A drawing you made
- » A song or poem you wrote
- » The possibilities are endless!

Important!

Please fill out the Ramadan reports numbered 1-4 and submit them to MuslimVille.

- » Use separate sheets if you do not have enough room and attach it.
- » mail to: MuslimVille, 66 Commodore Drive, Brampton, ON., L6X0S6 or scan and e-mail to: mail@muslimville.com
- » Due date for reports: **September 18, 2010**



my Ramadan Report

name: _____
mentor's name: _____
(father/mother/guardian)
date of birth (mm/dd/yy): _____ grade: _____
address: _____ apt: _____
city: _____ province: _____ postal code: _____
phone: _____ e-mail: _____
registration # _____

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1 Plan before Ramadan



Last year I fasted for _____ days, Insha'Allah, this year I will fast for _____ days.

I can read Quran (circle): yes / no

(if no) Insha'Allah, I will start to learn how to read the Quran this Ramadan.

Insha'Allah, I will memorize surahs this Ramadan,

1-5 6-10 11-15 more than 15

Insha'Allah, I will learn the meaning of the following surahs this Ramadan:

I pray 5 times a day, every day (circle): yes / no

(if no) Insha'Allah, I will learn and start praying regularly this Ramadan.

Insha'Allah, I will memorized hadiths in this Ramadan,

1-5 6-10 11-15 more than 15

Insha'Allah, I will memorized duas in this Ramadan,

1-5 6-10 11-15 more than 15

Insha'Allah, I will participate in MuslimVille Ramadan Competition 2010

My Allah SWT accept my Ramadan Plan.

2 Activities Challenge

*Days I fasted this Ramadan: _____
I am too young to fast, however I tried to fast (circle):
more than 10 days/ 9 to 5 days/ 1 to 4 days/ I did not try

Number of verses from the Quran memorized: _____

Number of Hadiths memorized: _____

Number of duas memorized: _____

Number of Islamic songs/poems memorized: _____

Number of nights I attended Taraweeh prayer at the mosque: _____

I helped my parents more than 1/2 hour (circle):
daily/sometimes/never

I cleaned my room (circle):

daily/sometimes/never

I helped my parents during Iftar or Suhur (circle):

daily/sometimes/never

I cleaned my teeth at least twice a day (circle):

daily/sometimes/never

Number of Eid Greeting Cards I sent (circle):

more than 10/ 9 to 5/ 1 to 4/ none

*I volunteered at the mosque or any Islamic event (circle):

more than 10 days/ 9 to 5 days/ 1 to 4 days/ never

*Number of Islamic story/poetry/article

I wrote: _____

I donated from my own pocket money (circle): Yes / No

Numbers of drawings/posters on Ramadan

I made: _____

Islamic books I read during Ramadan: (Total _____)

Time spent getting prepared for the MuslimVille Ramadan Competition per day on average (circle):

more than 30 minutes/ more than 15 minutes/ less than 15 minutes

I marked My Ramadan Calendar (circle):

daily/some days/never

* For grade 3 to 8 students only.

(use separate sheets if needed.)

_____ signature of parent/teacher/guardian _____ date

Phone/e-mail of guardian: _____
(mandatory for this report)

MY RAMADAN CALENDAR

1432 Hijri / 2010 AC

Q	1	Q	2	Q	3	Q	4	Q	5	Q	6	Q	7
B		B		B		B		B		B		B	
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Q	29	Q	30	<p>Check off for Quran memorization/recitation, fasting and Islamic Readings.</p> <p>Q = Quran S = Sawm (Fasting) B = Islamic Readings</p> <p>Check off for Salat</p> <p>F = Fajr D = Duhr A = Asr M = Maghrib I = Isha</p>									
B		B											
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A	A	A	M										
M	I	M	I										

2 Activities Challenge Cont'd

Keep track of your activities during the month of Ramadan on the calendar. Post your activities on www.mypost.muslimville.com.

- I have created my page on MyPost.
- I have made _____ total number of posts. This includes
 - _____ Artworks
 - _____ Articles
 - _____ Poems/songs
 - _____ Other

Guidelines for parent/teacher/guardian

Encourage your child to be more active as a Muslim boy/girl. Encourage them to maintain the above Ramadan Calendar and keep track of all their Islamic activities during the month of Ramadan.

Points may be awarded for different activities during Ramadan. Use the point system described to assign points for an activity. Example: if they performed all 5 prayers, donated \$1 to the mosque, and memorized 1 Ayat in a day they will have earned a total of 45 points (25+10+15) for that day. Tally up the points at the end of Ramadan.

- 15 Points**
 Five daily prayers on time (Kids under 8 may receive 5 points per salat)
 Memorization an Ayah from the Quran
 Memorization of a Hadith
 Memorization of a Supplication/Dua
 Study of 'Islamic Knowledge Competition Study Notes' for at least 15 minutes.
- 10 Points**
 Attending an all-day Islamic Program
 Attending weekend school
 Participating in an Islamic program: such as volunteering/delivering lecture/presentation/etc
 Writing and Islamic story/poetry/article
 Volunteering in a mosque or any Islamic Program
 Donating from your own money
 Drawing Islamic pictures
 Preparing Islamic Posters
- 5 Points**
 Attending a half-day Islamic program
 Not watching TV for the day
 Helping parents during Iftar
 Helping parents during Shuhr
 Visiting a sick person
 *Reciting an Ayah of Quran.
 *Reciting a Hadith
 *Reading one page of an Islamic literature
- 4 Points**
 Memorizing an Islamic song/poetry
 Islamic storytelling to younger brother or sister
 Inviting a friend to an Islamic program
 Visiting and Islamic Web-page
- 2 Points**
 Helping parents for more than 1/2hour
 Cleaning own room
 Gardening 1/2 to 1 hour
 Cleaning teeth at least 2 times
 Sharing game/toys with others
 **Reciting verses from Quran. 2 points per verse.
 **Reading Islamic literature. 2 points per page.
 *(for kids of age under 8)
 **/(for kids of age above 8)

③ Smart-Cool Week

Saturday August 21st to Friday August 27, 2010 is Smart-Cool Week. Instead of watching T.V or playing video games spend your time doing productive things!



Aug 21	<input type="checkbox"/> I did not watch TV <input type="checkbox"/> I did not play computer/video games <input type="checkbox"/> I submitted to My Post <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(other activity)</i>
22	<input type="checkbox"/> I did not watch TV <input type="checkbox"/> I did not play computer/video games <input type="checkbox"/> I submitted to My Post <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(other activity)</i>
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How was your smart-cool week? <input type="checkbox"/> boring <input type="checkbox"/> so-so <input type="checkbox"/> not bad <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> exciting	

Work on a Project

Do a project during *Smart Cool Week* and submit it online to mail@muslimville.com. For example, you can make a digital artwork, scan a drawing or painting, take a picture of your project, write an article, song, or poem. We will post your project on your personal blog at MuslimVille.com.

Did you submit your project online? (circle) Yes / No
 If Yes, date of submission: _____

Submit your project:

➤ Visit www.mypost.muslimville.com to submit the project online and create your own blog.

➤ Mail to MuslimVille,66 Commodore Dr, Brampton, ON., L6X 0S6 or e-mail mail@muslimville.com

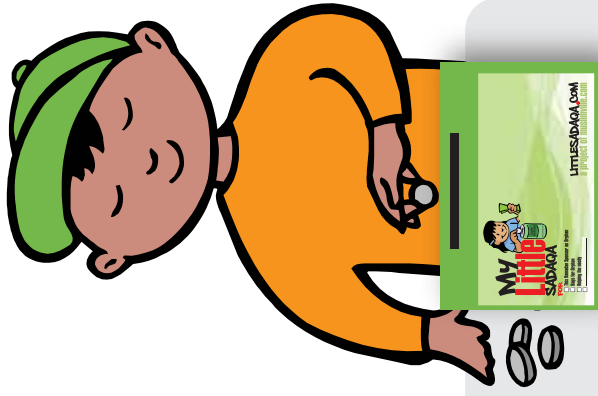
④ This Ramadan Sponsor an Orphan

➤ aka LITTLESADAQA.COM

MuslimVille has specific donation boxes for this program. E-mail info@muslimville.com or call 1.866.544.7977 (toll free)/647.702.1058 to receive the donation box. If your school or mosque is organizing the competition you should get it through them. You can also make your own donation box to collect funds.

Collect donations from your friends and family, as well as donate from your own money, during the month of Ramadan. Keep the box in a visible location in your house so that members of your family can see it.

You can also send greeting card(s) or gift box(es) to the children MuslimVille is currently sponsoring with the money collected from this program.



How much have you donated from your own money, if any? _____ \$
 How much have you collected? _____ \$

I wish to know about the children MuslimVille is sponsoring?

I wish to send a greeting card or gift box to the children MuslimVille is sponsoring?

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Parent / Teacher / Guardian

Send the money and report online (visit muslimville.com for details) or via Mail (Send this report along with the cheque or money order in the name of *MuslimVille*, please do not send cash by mail) to 66 Commodore Drive, Brampton, ON., L6X 0S4.

Islamic Knowledge Competition 2010 Study Notes

JUNIOR/SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

Recitation

Surahs: Al-Fatiha, Al-Asr, An-Nas, Al-Kawsar, Al-Ikhlās

Kalima: *AS HADU AL LA ILLAHA ILLALLAH WA ASHHADU ANNA MUHAMMADUR RASUL ULLAH*

Duas (Supplications)/Dhikr

(remembering Allah at all times)

Bismillah-ir-Rahmanir Rahim—Before starting any work

Alhamdulillah—After finishing work

Rabbi Zidni Ilma—For knowledge

Rabbir hamhuma kama rabbayani

sageera—For parents

Bismika Allahumma Amutu wa ahyā

Before going to bed

Allahumma inni a udhu bika minal

khubuthi wal khaba ith—Before entering the washroom

Ghufranaka—Leaving the washroom

Assalamu Alaikum—When we meet each other

Demonstration

Learn the steps of performing Wudu (ablution) and Salah

Verbal Quiz

Who made us? Allah made us.

Who is Allah? Allah is our creator. He is the creator of everything.

Does Allah have a father or a mother?

No, Allah has no father or mother.

Does Allah have any sons or daughters?

No, Allah has no sons or daughters

Can you hide anything from Allah?

No. Allah knows everything and can see everything we do.

Can you name at least 3 other names of Allah?

As-Samad, Ar-Rahman, Ar-Rahim, Ar-Razzak, Al-Qayyum, Al-Quddus.

Who is our Prophet?

Muhammad (S) is our Prophet.

Who was the Mother of Muhammad (S)?
Amina

Who was the father of Muhammad (S)?
Abdullah

What do we have to say after the name of our Prophet?

We have to say 'Sallallahu alaihi Wasalam' after the name of our Prophet.

What are the names of the 5 daily Prayers?

Fajr, Zuhr, Asr, Magrib and Isha.

GRADES 1 & 2

Recitation

Surah: Al-Fatiha, Al-Asr, An-Nas, Al-Kawsar, Al-Ikhlās, Al-Falaq, Al-Lahab, An-Nasr & Al-Kafirun

Dua (Supplications)/Dhikr

The best way to remember Allah all the time is to say phrases which remind us of Allah during different times of the day.

Learn the following phrases:

Yarhamuka Allah (May Allah bless you)--

We say it when we hear someone sneeze

Walaikum Assalam (Peace be on you

too)-- We say it in reply to Assalamu

Alaikum

Insha'Allah (If Allah wishes)-- We say it

when hoping to do something in the future or make a promise.

SubhanAllah (Glory be to Allah)-- We say it to praise someone or when we see

something amazing.

Masha'Allah (Allah has willed it)-- We say

this in happy occasions, when hearing good news or when appreciating to someone.

Fi Amanillah (In the protection of Allah)--

We say it when we say farewell to

someone.

JazakAllahu Khairan (May Allah give you the best reward)-- We say it to thank

someone.

Astagfirullah (I seek Allah's forgiveness)--

We say it when we feel sorry for something bad we thought, said or did.

Audhubillahi minash shaitanur razim (I

seek refuge in Allah from shaitan)-- We

say it before reciting the Quran. We also

seek Allah's protection from shaitan

(devil) by saying it so that shaitan cannot

trick us.

Verbal Quiz

Study the notes for Junior/Senior kindergarten as well as the following for the verbal test:

Learn about Allah—know the meanings of:

Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Greatest)

SubhanAllah (Glory be to Allah)

Bismillah (In the name of Allah)

Alhamdulillah (All praises are for Allah)

Allah is our creator. He is the creator of everything

Allah made the sun, the moon, the sky, the birds, the rivers, the flowers etc.

Allah made the Angels, air, gases, small bacteria, virus – which we cannot see.

No one created Allah. Allah is the First and Allah is the Last.

Allah is One.

Allah has no partner.

Allah has no father or mother.

Allah has no sons or daughters

Allah knows everything and can see everything we do. We cannot hide anything from Allah.

In The Quran we get 99 names of Allah. Some of names are: As-Samad,

Ar-Rahman, Ar-Rahim, Ar-Razzak,

Al-Qayyum, Al-Quddus.

We are Allah's servants.

Allah is our Lord and Master. Allah will be pleased with us if we do the following:

o Pray 5 times daily.

o Respect our parents.

o Remember Allah at all times.

o Read the Quran.

o Help the needy.

o Be kind to everyone, including animals.

o Always keep promises.

Learn about Prophets. The Prophets of Allah are:

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 (s).

We have to say Sallallahu alaihi Wasalam after the name of Prophet Muhammad.

We have to say Alaihis salam after the name of other Prophets.

Adam (A) is the first Prophet.

Muhammad (S) is the last Prophet of

Allah.

Muhammad (S) was born in Mecca.

Learn about the Quran:

o The Quran is the book of Allah.

o Allah sent the Quran to Prophet

Muhammad (S) through Angel Jibrail.

o The first Surah of the Quran is Surah Fatiha.

o The last Surah is Surah Nas.

o Smallest surah is Surah Kawsar.

o Other small surahs are Surah Ikhlās and Surah Asr.

Allah made us. Allah knows what is good for us and what is bad for us. In the Quran

Allah told us what is good and what is bad for us.

The language of the Quran is Arabic.

Verbal questions on performing Salah

Learn how to pray.

Learn the steps for performing Wudu (ablutions) and Salah.

Learn the timings of the five prayers.

Learn how to call the Adhan.

Ramadan Study Projects

To the parents: The Quran has many interesting stories on, for example, the Prophets, past civilizations, animals, etcetera. Read to your children the books (at least 2) that have been written on those stories, and tell them to make a poster or draw picture(s) related to the stories. E-mail the art works to mail@muslimville.com and we will post them on our website.

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GRADES 3 & 4

Learn about the Quran.

What is the Quran?

The Quran is the book of guidance from Allah, each word of the Quran is the word of Allah.

What is the meaning of the word 'Quran'?

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

What is the language of the Quran?

The Quran was revealed in Arabic and was written in Arabic.

Why is it important to learn Arabic?

We should learn to read Arabic so that we can read the Quran.

Who was the Quran revealed to?

The Quran was revealed to the last Prophet Muhammad (S).

Is the Quran the only guidance from Allah?

No, Allah sent other books of guidance to different Prophets at different times.

What are the other books of guidance?

- o Sahifa given to Prophet Ibrahim (A)
- o Tawrah given to Prophet Musa (A)
- o Zabur given to Prophet Dawud (A)
- o Inzil given to Prophet Isa (A)
- o These books no longer exist today; they are lost as the followers did not safeguard them and changed them as they pleased.

How was the Quran sent down to Prophet Muhammad (S)?

Allah revealed the Quran in pieces, through the Angel Jibrail, to the Prophet of Allah, Muhammad (S). Angel Jibrail delivered the message from Allah to the Prophet (S) exactly as stated to him by Allah.

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

The first word revealed to Muhammad (S) was "Iqra".

When did the revelation of the Quran begin?

The first revelation of the Quran was revealed to the Prophet in the night during the month of Ramadan. That night was on one of the odd nights after the 21 day of Ramadan. This night is known as 'Lailatul Qadr'. 'Lailatul Qadr' means night of power. Prophet Muhammad was at the age of 40 at the time (around the year 610 A.D.).

Where did the Prophet receive the first revelation?

Prophet received the first revelation in the cave of Hira in a mountain near Mecca.

How long did it take to complete the Quran?

The Quran was revealed throughout a period of 23 years.

What do you have to say before reciting the Quran?

One has to say, 'Audhubillahi minas shaitanur razim' before reciting the Quran. This means 'I seek refuge in Allah from shaitan'. We seek Allah's protection from shaitan (devil) by saying it so that Shaitan cannot do us any harm.

What is the first Surah (Chapter) of the Quran?

The first Surah of the Quran is Surah Al-Fatiha.

What is the last Surah of the Quran?

The last Surah of the Quran is Surah An-Nas.

What is the smallest Surah of the Quran?

The smallest Surah is Surah Al-Kawsar. Other

small surahs are Surah Ikhlas and Surah Asr.

What is meant by Surah (plural: Swar) of the Quran?

Surahs are like chapters of the Quran, there are 114 Surahs in the Quran.

What is meant by Ayah, (plural: Ayat) of the Quran?

An Ayah is a sentence of the Quran, and Ayat means more than one sentence.

Do all the Surahs of the Quran have the same numbers of Ayat? No.

Which is the longest Surah and how many Ayat is there in it?

Al-Baqara (no. 2) is the longest Surah and there are 286 (two hundred and eighty-six) Ayat in it.

Name one of the shortest Surahs. How many Ayat is there in the shortest Surah?

Al-Asr (no. 103) and it has 3 (three) Ayat.

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

Yes, except one Surah, Surah at-Tauba.

Study of the Quran

Memorize the last 15 Surahs of the Quran.

Learn the meaning of the names of the last 15 Surahs in the Quran.

Learn the meaning of Surah Al-Fatiha.

Study: Some important verses:

- o Al-Baqarah, verse 2 – *Dhalik al-kitabu la raiba fi-hi, hudal lil-muttaqin* (This book, the Quran, has no doubts about it at all; it guides to right path those who are Muttaqin)
- o Al-Imran, verse 19 - *Inn ad-dina ind Allah il-Islam* (Surely the true religion with true religion with Allah is Islam)

Ramadan Study Projects

The Quran has many interesting stories on, for example, the Prophets, past civilizations, animals, etcetera. Read at least 2 books which have been written on those stories, and make a poster, draw picture(s), or write a book report related to the stories.

GRADE 5

Learn about the Quran

Study the notes on the Quran for the previous grades and the following:

Which book of Allah do Muslims follow?

Muslims follow the Quran. The Quran is the word 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 they only follow the Quran because the earlier books have been lost or changed.

Why and how do we know that the Quran has not been changed?

The Quran has not been changed since it was revealed. We know from the Quran that Allah has stated that He will preserve the Quran, and we see today that thousands of people have memorized the Quran. Also, there are billions of copies of the Quran and Alhamdulillah all the copies are the same. There is not a single difference in the words or even a dot among all those copies.

What should you observe with regards to reading the Quran?

- o One should have a personal copy of the Quran and keep it in a clean place.
- o Read the Quran regularly, daily if possible at a given time, and they should do so alone or with others.
- o Concentrate, reflect, and understand as you seek Allah's guidance by reading.
- o Begin with "A'oozu bil lahee minas shytaanee rageem" (I seek Allah's refuge from Satan), "Bismilla hir rahmanir rahim" (In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate).
- o Be ritually clean by having Wudu.
- o Read with a good voice and pronounce the words correctly.
- o Memorize as much as you can.
- o Apply it in your daily life and encourage others to read and apply it in their daily lives.
- o When you finish, say "Saddaqa Allahoo al Azeem" (Allah the All-Mighty told the Truth).
- o Pause when you hear the Adhan (call for prayer) and when somebody says "Assalamu Alaikum".

Some teachings of the Quran are:

- o There is only one true God, Allah.
- o Everything in this universe belongs to Allah.
- o We should worship, obey, and serve Allah.
- o Allah guides people by sending His Prophets and Messengers, revelations, and Books.
- o Muhammad (S) is the last Messenger.
- o The Quran is the last Book of guidance.
- o One day the whole world will come to an end. This day is called the last day.
- o After the last day, the dead will be brought to life. On that day Allah will judge all of the people.
- o Good people will be rewarded and they will go to Heaven (Paradise).
- o Bad people will be punished and thrown into the Hellfire.

What does the Quran tell us?

The Quran tell us:

- o How to become good men and women.
- o How to obey, worship and serve Allah.
- o The difference between right and wrong.
- o How to do well and give up bad habits.
- o How to behave with our parents, brothers, friends, and neighbours.
- o How to be pious, happy, peaceful, and live a good life.
- o Stories of the good people of the past who followed the path of Allah and His Prophets.
- o It also tells us the stories of bad people and how Allah punished them.
- o Everything that is needed for our success in this world and in the Hereafter.

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

- o *Furqan* means the Criterion between right and wrong
- o *Kitabullah* means the Book of Allah
- o *Kalamullah* means the Words of Allah
- o *Jibar* means the Message of Allah
- o *Dhikr* means reminder
- o *Tanzil* means sent down

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The Quran has been described by Allah with some adjectives referring to the purpose of its revelation, what are those adjectives?

Nur- Light; Rahma- Mercy; Majeed- Glorious; Mubarak- Blessing; Basheer- Contains glad tidings; and Nazeer- Warner

Do Swar (Suras) have any name?

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.

For example: Al-Fatiha (the Opening), Al-Baqarah (the Cow), Al-Imran (the family of Imran), An-Nisa (the Women), Al-Maidah (the table spread), An-Amm (the cattle).

Name some Surahs named after insect.

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

Name some surahs named after animals.

Al-Baqara (the cow), Al-Adiyat (the horse) and Al-Fil (the elephant).

Who are called 'Qari'?

Qari is the one who has learned and mastered perfect recitation of the Quran. Qari means the excellent reader of the Quran.

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

Whoever has memorized the Quran is called Hafiz-ul-Quran, meaning protector of the Quran.

Study of the Quran

Memorize last 15 Surahs of the Quran

Learn the meaning of Surah: Fatiha, Asr, Nas, Kawsar, Ikhlas,

Memorize and study the meaning: Verses 55-57, Surah Noor (Surah 24)

Ramadan Study Projects

Write a short article on one of the following topics. Try to draw [Islamically appropriate] picture(s) with your article. Make a poster on 8.5" X 11" size paper based on the topics.

- Stories of the Quran
- Books of Allah
- The lesson from a story of your choice from the Quran
- The lesson from a surah of your choice

GRADE 6

Learn about the Quran

Study the notes on the Quran for the previous grades and the following

What is Hidayah?

It means guidance from Allah.

What is the meaning of revelation? What is the Quranic term for Revelation?

Revelation is a message and guidance from Allah, the Arabic word for revelation is Wahi.

Why did Allah send 'Wahi'?

Allah wants to guide men and women through revelation (wahi). The prophets received the revelations and then they conveyed it to their followers.

How were revelations communicated to the Prophets?

Revelations were sent to Prophets in different ways:

o Revelation by inspiration, like a dream.

Example: Allah guided Prophet Ibrahim (A) to sacrifice his son.

o Revelation by speech (behind the scene).

Example: Allah spoke to Prophet Musa (A) in the mountain of Torah.

o Revelation through Angel.

Example: Allah revealed the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (S) through angel Jibrail.

What were the verses of the first revelation?

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."

Did revelation continue immediately after the first verses?

No, there was no revelation for a certain period of time after the first.

What is the second revelation?

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

What are some of the earliest Surahs?

Al-Muzzammil, Al-Fatiha, Al-Takweer, Al-A'laa, Al-Lael, Al-Fazr

How long did the revelation continue for?

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

What was one of the last revelations?

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

Is there is a benefit in reciting the Quran even if one does not fully understand the meaning?

The words of The Quran are from our Lord, Allah the All-Mighty. The superb style of the Quran has tremendous effect on its readers and also its listener. It totally changes the pattern of life of those who believe and practice its teachings. It leaves a soothing effect on the mind of its reader. The incredible effect is hard to describe, it has to be experienced to really appreciate it.

Why is memorizing the Quran so important?

To perform salat (prayer), a Muslim is required to learn at least some surahs of the Qur'an.

That is why one has to start memorizing with the first one, al-Fatiha, and then move on with the shorter ones at the end. Memorization has been advised by the Prophet. Ayat from the Quran are used for making dua (supplication). Mention some practical suggestions for memorizing the Quran.

- o Make it a daily routine.
- o Try to memorize a few ayat at a time
- o Select ayat which are easy for you to memorize with understanding of the meaning.
- o Use those ayat in your Salah.
- o Use the help of another person.

How many Prophets have been mentioned in the Quran?

The Quran mentioned the name of 25 prominent Prophets.

Are the Prophets named in the Quran also known as Prophets by other religions?

Yes, Prophets mentioned in the Quran are also believed to be Prophets by the Christians and Jews. The Following are the Quranic and

English names 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.

How did scholars group the Swar into four groups?

- o The long ones (Al-Tiwal); No. 2 to 10.
 - o The medium length ones (Al-ma'un) each approximately 100 ayat in length; No. 11 to 35.
 - o Each less than 100 ayat in length (Al-Methana) No. 36 to 56
 - o The last section (Al-Mufassal) No. 50 to 114
- What is Juz (pl. Ajza)?**

Juz' means part or portion of the Quran. It refers to the 30 juz' of approximately equal length into which the Quran is divided.

What is Hizb (pl. Ahzab)?

Each Juz in the Quran is subdivided into four Hizb, where each Hizb is subdivided into quarters; first quarter of the Hizb, half and third quarter.

What is Sajda-al-Tilawa?

Sajda-al-Tilawa is the prostration similar to that we perform during the Salah. It is suggested to perform this when one read or listens to a specific ayah. There are 14 places in the Quran where we have to perform Sajda-al-Tilawa.

What is "Tajweed"?

Tajweed refers to the rules of proper pronunciation and the speed at which one should read the Quran. It also teaches the correct length and emphasis that has to be given to vowels.

What is the meaning of 'Qul'?

'Qul' means Say.

Study of the Quran

Memorize the last 15 Surahs of the Quran and Surah Baqarah: Ayat 1 -7

Learn the meaning of Surah: Fatiha, Asr, Nas, Kawsar, Ikhlas, Surah Falaq, Lahab, Nasr & Kafirun

Memorize and study the meaning: Verses 45-47 of Surah Al-Ankabut (Surah 29)

Ramadan Study Projects

Write a short article on one of the following topics. Try to draw [Islamically appropriate] picture(s) with your article.

- Teachings of the Quran
 - The Quran, the only preserved Book of God.
 - Lesson(s) from a story of your choice from the Quran
 - Lesson(s) from a surah of your choice
- Make a poster on 8.5" X 11" size paper based on Hadiths about Ramadan.

GRADE 7

Learn about the Quran

Study the notes on the Quran for the previous grades and the following:

Does the Quran contain stories (Qasas, sg. Qissah)?

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Yes. The Quran has mentioned: "We do relate unto thee the most beautiful of stories." (12:3)

What are the Quranic stories about?

- Prophets of Allah, their people, their message, their call ...etcetera. For example: Nuh (A), Musa (A), and Isa (A).
 - Past people or events. For example: the companions of the cave.
 - Events that took place during the lifetime of the Prophet. For example: the battle of Badr.
- The Quran tells us about some brave young believers and a dog who slept for several years in a cave. What is the name given to that group of believers? Which surah of the Quran mentions this incident?

The group of brave young believers and a dog who slept for several years in a cave is called As-safah Kahaf (the resident of the cave). The name of the surah which mentions the story is Al-Kahaf (the Cave).

What is the name of the Prophet who was thrown in a well by his own brothers? Which surah of the Quran mentioned that story?

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

What is Makkah's old name that is mentioned in the Quran?

Bakkah is the old name of Makkah.

What is the name of the Uncle who, along with his wife, used to torture the Prophet and was named in the Quran? What surah are they mentioned in?

The Prophet's uncle, Abu Lahab, and his wife used to torture Muhammad (S). This incident is mentioned in Surah Lahab.

How many times is the word 'Qul' used in the Quran?

In the Quran the word 'Qul' has been mentioned more than 200 (two hundred) times.

Does the Quran use oath-like expressions (aqsam, sg. qasam)?

Yes.

How do the oath-like expression start?

'Wa' meaning 'and', or 'la-uqsimu' meaning 'indeed I swear' or using the letter 'ta'.

Why is the oath-like expression used in the Quran?

The Quran uses the oath-like expressions to strengthen and support an argument, to get the attention of the reader, and to point out a magnificent event or phenomenon.

How many Surahs start with sentences (Ayah) of only letters? How many letters are used for that purpose?

29 (twenty-nine) surahs. 14 (fourteen) letters have been used in different combination for that purpose.

List some Surah starting with letters and give their Surah number.

Surah number 10, 11, 14 and 15: Alif Lam Ra;
Surah number 2, 3, 29, 30, 31 and 32: Alif Lam Meem;

Surah number 13: Alif Lam Meem Ra;

Surah number 7: Alif Lam Saad;

Surah number 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46: Ha

Meem;

Surah number 38: Saad

Surah number 27: Ta Seen

Surah number 20: Ta Ha

Surah number 50: Qaf

Surah number 19: Kaf Ha Ya Aeen Saad

Surah number 68: Noon

Surah number 36: Ya Seen

Surah number 26, 28: Ta Seen Meem

What is the significance of using separate letters at the beginning of some Surahs?

The exact significance is known only to Allah, but Muslim scholars have many estimates. They believe that they are used to draw the attention of the listener to the fact that the following are Allah's words. Although they consist of the Arabic alphabet, they have a unique beauty and style and offer guidance to mankind.

Is it easy to understand the Quran?

Yes, when you try. "We have indeed made the Quran easy to be remembered (and to be understood). Is there anyone that remembers (and understands) it." 54:17

Is the text of the Quran in Arabic prose or poetry?

Neither. It is a unique style of unmatched beauty and quality. It is Allah's last words to guide mankind.

When is a Surah called a Makkyia or Mekkan Surah?

A Surah called a Makkyia or Mekkan surah when the beginning portion is found to be revealed before Hijra.

When is a Surah called a Madanyia or Medinian Surah?

When the surah's beginning portion is found to be revealed after the Hijra, even if some ayat are revealed before Hijra.

What are the main topics of the Mekkan Surah?

- o Allah and His unity (Tawheed).
- o Resurrection and the Day of Judgement.
- o Righteous conduct.

What were the main topics of the Medinian Surah?

In addition to the same topics of the Mekkan Surah, new topics were added. e.g. legal rulings, addressing the people of the book (Jews and Christians).

How many Surah are of Mekkan origin?

85

How many Surah are of the Medinian origin?

29

What's the meaning of Asbab-Al-Nuzul?

Asbab-Al-Nuzul means particular circumstances, events and reasons behind some revelation.

Why is knowing Asbab-Al-Nuzul important in understanding the teachings of the Quran?

It is important because it helps in understanding the direct and immediate meaning and interpretation of particular Ayat(s).

Were parts of the Quran translated to other languages during the time of the Prophet?

Yes, when the Prophet sent a message to Herachius, the Byzantine emperor, it contained an Ayah (3:64), the message was translated including that Ayah. Also, the Muslims translated ayat from Surah Al-Maryam (19) regarding the Prophet Isa (Jesus) in front of the emperor of Abyssinia (modern day

Ethiopia), Nazasi.

Can we use the translation for understanding the meaning and teachings of the Quran?

Yes. Alhamdulillah the translation of the Quran is now available in almost all the language.

What are the most important English translations of the Quran?

- o Translation by M. Pickthall
- o Translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali

Study of the Quran

Memorize and study the meaning of Surah Baqarah, Ayat 182—185

Study surah Fatiha, Ikhlas & Lahab with meanings, Asbab-Al-Nuzul and teachings.

Ramadan Study Projects

Write a short article on one of the following topics. Try to draw [Islamically appropriate] picture(s) with your article.

- Lessons from the story of As-safah Kahaf
 - Importance of understanding the Quran
 - Universal message of the Quran
 - Lesson(s) from a surah of your choice
- Make a poster on 8.5" X 11" size paper based on Hadiths about Ramadan.

GRADE 8

Learn about the Quran

Study the notes on the Quran for the previous grades and the following:

How is the Quran being protected?

- Allah has guaranteed the protection of the Quran.
 - The words of the Quran were revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S) throughout the last 23 years of his life. The Prophet used to memorize the verses and told his companions to memorize it as well. The revelations were written down by his followers.
 - During the time of Caliph Abu Bakr (R), all those words and sentences were collected in the form of a book and were arranged following the direction given by the Prophet Muhammad (S).
 - Among the Muslims there are always some people who memorize the whole Quran by heart.
 - The Quran would always be preserved by memorization and printing.
- Who was the first to commit to memorizing the Quran?

Prophet Muhammad (S) himself.

Who are the companions of the Prophet who memorized the Quran?

Some companions were- AbuBakr(R), Omar(R), Uthman(R), Ali(R), Aisha(R), Hafsa(R) and Umm Salma(R). The 3 companions who memorized the entire the Quran and went over it with the Prophet before his death were Ubai ibn Kab(R), Mu-aaz ibn Jabal(R), and Zaid ibn Thabit(R).

Was the Quran written down during the Prophet's life?

Yes, but it was not bound as a single volume. When people came to Madina to learn about Islam, they were provided with copies of the chapters of the Quran to read and memorize.

Did the Prophet write down the revelations?

No, he dictated the revelation to 48 of his companions.

Did the Prophet give instructions for the

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arrangement of the verses of the Quran?

Yes, the order and the arrangement were well known to the Muslims due to the daily recitation of the Quran in their prayers.

Who used to recite the Quran once a year with the Prophet?

Angel Jibrail used to recite the Quran once a year with the Prophet (S), and he recited it twice with him the year he died.

What was the form of the Quran in the early stage?

The parts of the Quran were written in different materials. It was written on paper, dry skin, any papyrus among other materials. The order of the verses within each Surah was fixed, but the sheets on which the Surah was written were still in a loose arrangement and not bound into a volume. The Quran was in this form during the Prophet's time, as well as during the time of AbuBakr (R) and Omar (R). Who determined the arrangement of the Quran?

The Prophet determined the arrangement of the Quran under guidance of Allah through Angel Jibrail.

Who ordered the Quran to be bounded into a volume? Uthman(R).

What led Uthman to order the collection of the Quran into a single bounded volume?

- o During his rule, Abu Bakr's (R) instructed Zaid Ibn Thabit (R) to collect the loosely arranged Quran from the various written material memories of the people. He kept the collection and when he died it was kept with Omar (R), and then with his daughter Hafsa (R).
- o During Uthman's (R) rule, disputes had risen among Muslims in the vast empire about the correct manner of reciting the Quran.
- o Uthman(R) borrowed the collection of the Quran, which was with Hafsa(R) and ordered four companions, among them Zaid Ibn Thabit (R), to rewrite the script in perfect copies.
- o Uthman(R) sent those copies to the main centers of the Muslim world to replace other copies that were in circulation. The copies made by Uthman (R) have remained the same to this day.

What are the differences between the printed form of the Quran and that of Uthman's (R) time?

Today's volume of the Quran has vowel marks (tashkil) to help in the pronunciation, and diacritical marks to help tell the difference between letters that looks similar. Old Quranic script was written without diacritical points or vowels signs. Also, there are no headings or separations between the Swar and any other kind of division or formal indication of the end of a verse in the old scripts.

Do we still have old manuscripts of the Quran?

Yes. In the Egyptian National Library there is a copy made of gazelle skin which has been dated 68 after Hijra (688 A.D.), 58 years after the Prophets death. There are also copies from the first and second centuries A.H.

When were diacritical marks and vowel symbols introduced into the Quranic manuscript?

First century A.H.

When was the first printed copy of the current Quran manuscript made?

In 1925 (1344 A.H.) in Cairo, Egypt, and it is based on the reading of Hafs as reported by Asim.

What is the meaning of 'Tafsir'?

Tafsir means the explanation and interpretation of the Quran by the renowned scholars of Islam.

What is the meaning of 'Sharia'?

Sharia means legal ruling given by Allah in the Quran or in the Sunnah of His Prophet.

What is the meaning of 'mufassir' (pl. 'mufasssireen')?

A Mufassir is a Muslim scholar, who does the tafsir (commentary) of the Quran

What is the definition of a miracle (mo'jeza) from Allah?

Mo'zeza is an event which happens through a Messenger only by the will of Allah the Creator. It breaks the usual norms and serves as a proof for the truth and the claim by the Messenger that he is the Messenger of Allah.

Why the Quran is called a miracle?

- o Its language and style excels other texts of the Arabic language.
- o Its comprehensiveness cannot be matched.
- o Its legislation and legal ruling and sophistication cannot be surpassed.
- o Its narrations about the unknown can only be from the creator (e.g. creation of the universe, Day of the Judgment, Paradise, Hell fire, Stories of the Prophets, etcetera.)
- o It has no contradiction with the most advanced, sound discovery in the branches of science.
- o Its fulfillment of all its prophecies.
- o Its complete harmony with human natural need (fitra)
- o It speaks to the human heart as well as the human faculty of reason at the individual level and at the group (Umma, Jamaah) level.
- o It was delivered 1417 years ago by a Messenger who could neither read nor write.
- o Within the span of 23 years, it transformed a group of approximately 100,000 people and it is a unique miracle for humanity.
- o It answers the most important questions in human life. For example: why are we here in this world? Who created us? What happens after we die? What happened to the nations before us? What is right and what is wrong? How can you be happy?
- o It corrects the current belief among the people of the Book.
- o The beautiful language of the Quran has been consistent throughout its 23 years of revelation.
- o Its uniqueness in expressing wide varieties of topics from moral ethics to complex legal rulings.
- o No other piece of literature, in any language, can match its combined beauty and sophistication which touches the heart and the mind.
- o Its teaching strikes a well measured and balanced approach to all aspects of human needs, for example: making a living and praying.

The Quran is a unique and supreme book of

Guidance from the Lord of the Universe (Rabbul-allameen). If it is followed, the Lord guarantees success in this life and in the hereafter. Throughout Islamic history, this fact has been proven over and over again. What are some examples of how the Quran contains scientific facts that were only discovered by scientists in the last 50 years?

- o Everything in the universe was compacted together and then split apart (The Big Bang theory). Gases spread throughout the universe and stars, planets and other things were formed. The Universe was in the shape of a fiery gas (21:30, 41:11).
- o All life originated from water (24:45, 21:30).
- o Matter is made up of minute particles (10:62).
- o The oxygen content of the air is reduced at higher altitudes (6:125).
- o The cycle of condensation, evaporation and precipitation which forms rain (30:48, 24:43)
- o Everything consists of complementary elements (36:36, 20:53, 22:5, 3:10, 13:3).
- o The embryo in the womb is enclosed by three coverings. A pregnancy occurs only when the ova and the sperm unite. The fertilized egg 'clings' in the womb. The fetus grows in stages until it is ready to born. (23:14, 40:67, 75:37, 23:14, 5:22, 39:6).
- o The fertilization of certain plants is done by the wind (15:22).
- o Each human has permanent individual fingerprints (75:4).
- o There may be life on the other planets. (30:26, 24:41, 19:93-95, 3:83)

If the Quran contains facts which agree with the discovery of sciences today, does this mean that it is a book of science?

No. The Quran is a book of Guidance for mankind from Allah, the Creator and the Lord of the Universe. Although its facts and teaching do not contradict with scientific facts it cannot be called a book of science. We have to keep in mind that scientific facts are not absolute truths, they might change as human knowledge changes.

Study of the Quran

Memorize Surah Al-Kahaf verses 109-110 with meaning

Study last 10 surahs of the Quran with meanings, Asbab-Al-Nuzul and teachings. Study any renewed Tafsir,

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