

Grade 4 Seerah Class Mid-Term Study Guide

- Al-Khulafa'ur Rashidun (Rightly Guided Caliphs)
 - What does *Khalifah* mean?
 - What does *Amirul-Mu'minin* mean?
 - Who were the four *khulafah*?

- Abu Bakr as-Siddiq: His Early Life ("The Pious Caliphs" book – Chapter 1)
 - Who were his parents?
 - What was his relationship to the Prophet (pbuh)?
 - What was his personality like?
 - What did he do for a living?
 - After which significant event did he accept Islam?
 - What was the title given to him by the Prophet and why?
 - What services did he do for the Muslims in Makkah?
 - What hardships did he face after he became Muslim?
 - What famous journey did he make with the Prophet?
 - What did he do when he arrived in Madinah?
 - Who was his daughter?
 - What did the Prophet ask Abu Bakr to do when he grew ill?

- Hadrat Abu Bakr's Caliphate ("The Pious Caliphs" book – Chapter 2)
 - Who were the two main groups of Muslims in Madinah and what were their names?
 - How did people react to the news and death of the Prophet?
 - How did the people decide who would be the first *Khalifah*?
 - What were some of the challenges Abu Bakr faced as the *khalifah*?
 - How did Abu Bakr handle these challenges?
 - What two great empires surrounded the Arabian Peninsula?
 - How did Abu Bakr try to spread the message of Islam to these lands?
 - Who did Abu Bakr consult before he made any decisions?
 - Who was the famous Muslim army general to Persia appointed by Abu Bakr?
 - What was this army general's nickname and why?
 - Why did many people convert to Islam after seeing the Muslims?
 - In what lands were the Muslims victorious?

- Death and Review of Hadrat Abu Bakr's Achievements ("The Pious Caliphs" book – Chapter 3)
 - How did the Muslims pick the next *khalifah* after Abu Bakr?
 - How long was Abu Bakr *khalifah*?
 - What happened to Islam during Abu Bakr's rule?
 - What did Abu Bakr do with the Qur'an during his rule?
 - What significant services did Abu Bakr establish for the Muslims during his rule?

- 'Umar Ibn al-Khattab: His Early Life ("The Pious Caliphs" book – Chapter 4)
 - What was his personality like?
 - What did he do for a living?
 - What did 'Umar try to do to the Prophet before he accepted Islam? Describe the story.
 - How did 'Umar's conversion to Islam affect the Muslims?
 - What title did the Prophet give him and why?
 - What did 'Umar do for Islam and the Muslims before he became *khalifah*?

- Hadrat 'Umar's Caliphate ("The Pious Caliphs" book – Chapter 5)
 - What was 'Umar's rule known as and why?

- What empires and countries was 'Umar able to control and came under the banner of Islam during his rule?
 - Name 2 famous battles that took place under 'Umar's rule.
 - Whose model did 'Umar follow during his rule?
- Death and Review of Hadrat 'Umar's Achievements ("The Pious Caliphs" book – Chapter 6)
- How did 'Umar die?
 - How was the next *khalifah* selected?
 - Why was 'Umar so successful in his rule?
 - What was his most important duty?
 - Who was his daughter?
 - What was his relationship to the Prophet?
 - How long was he *khalifah*?
- Hadrat 'Umar's Administration: A Picture of Islamic Democratic Rule ("The Pious Caliphs" book – Chapter 7)
- What kind of State did 'Umar form?
 - How did he make his decisions?
 - How were non-Muslims treated under his rule?
 - Describe what the *shura* was and how it worked.
 - What was the capital of the Islamic State?
 - How were the provinces of the Islamic State governed?
 - How did 'Umar spread the message of the Qur'an to the Muslims?
 - What were some important services that 'Umar established during his rule?
 - What is the *Bait-ul-Mal*?
 - What was the main source of income during these days?
 - What is the *hijrah*?
 - Why is the *hijrah* important to us today? How do we use this date today?

***** The midterm exam will have multiple choice questions, true/false questions, fill-in-the-blank questions, and short answer essays. If you have any questions, please contact me sakeena.ahmed@bisweb.org. *****