

Birmingham Islamic Society

Weekend Islamic School

2013-2014 School Year

Islamic Studies Midterm Review Guide

**Directions: After completing this review guide, be sure to go over all of the lessons and the homework assignments that were covered in class. Make sure you pay special attention to the words that are underlined in red in the lessons.**

Lesson 1: Rewards of Allah

- Prepare to give some examples of rewards that Allah (swt) has granted you and your family
- Review all of the basics of receiving rewards that we went over in class in this lesson.

Lesson 2: Discipline of Allah

- Define discipline in your own words
- What are the different types of discipline?
- What is the difference, if any, between discipline and a test?

Lesson 3: Names of Allah

- What is the Arabic term used to describe the 99 names of Allah?
- What kinds of names belong to Allah?
- Pick and choose to memorize any 5 of these beautiful names along with their meaning in Arabic.

Lesson 4: Books of Allah

- What is another name for the revealed books?
- Name the 4 books that were revealed along with the names of the prophets to whom they were given
- What are the English names of the books?
- Which of the four books has not been changed in any way by man?

Lesson 5: Pre-Islamic Arabia – the Age of Ignorance

- What is the Arabic term used to describe this period?
- What were some of the religious and social beliefs of the Arabs before Islam?
- Define astrology and superstition
- What were some of the changes that Islam brought to Arabia?
- When did this period of ignorance end?

### Lesson 6: The Year of the Elephant

- What was the Arabic term used to describe the year of the elephant?
- Why was Makkah an important city in Arabia?
- Be prepared to describe the story of Abraha.
- In which surah in the Quran is Abraha's story mentioned?

### Lesson 7: Early Life of Muhammad (S)

- What was the custom for newborn babies in Arabia at this time?
- Which village did the Prophet (saw)'s nurse-mother belong to?
- Be prepared to list the names of the Prophet's family members including his grandfather, uncle, mother, father, and nurse-mother.
- Who took care of the Prophet (saw) after he was orphaned? Who took care of him after his grandfather passed?

### Lesson 8: Life before Becoming a Nabi

- How old was Muhammad (saw) when he became a prophet?
- What tribe did Muhammad (saw) and his family belong to?
- What was the name of the Christian monk who predicted that Muhammad was going to be a nabi?
- What were some of the nicknames given to the Prophet (saw) even before he became a nabi?
- Describe the story of Muhammad (saw)'s first wife and their marriage.
- Who was the prophet's adopted son?
- How did Muhammad (saw) solve some of the problems at a young age before he became a prophet?
- What was the name of the Cave in which he received the first revelation?

### Lesson 9: First Revelation

- Why did Muhammad spend so much time in the cave before he became a prophet? What was he searching for?
- What was the first word revealed to the prophet (saw)? How did the prophet (saw) react to this experience?
- Who was Waraqah ibn Naufal and what did he know?

### Lesson 10: Makkan Period

- Why did the people of Arabia not like Muhammad?
- Which country did the prophet advise the new Muslims to go to for protection?
- Who protected the prophet after his uncle died? Did this uncle protect him for long? Why or why not?

- What is a pledge?
- Which city did the people who made the pledge to the prophet come from? What is the city now called?
- What plan did the nonbelievers in Arabia devise to get rid of the Prophet before his migration from Makkah?
- What is the Arabic term for this migration?

#### Lesson 11: Pledges of Aqabah

- How long did the prophet live in Madinah?
- When was the first pledge taken? How many people came to take it? Where did they come from?
- What were some of the oaths that the prophet made them take?
- How many people took the second pledge? What was the main point of the second pledge of Al – Aqabah?