

EXAM SCORE

50pts Surah memorization & class discussion

25pts Translation/Tafseer/History of Surahs

25pts CORRECT pronunciation while reciting the Surahs

Surah memorization:

Surah Inshirah

Surah Dhuha

Surah Layl

Surah Shams

Examples of the type of questions. (NOTE: These types will be on ALL FOUR surahs!!!)

Q1- What is the ayah after

وَوَضَعْنَا عَنكَ وِزْرَكَ ﴿٢﴾

Q2- What is the ayah after

إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ﴿٦﴾

Q3 - What is the ayah after

الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ ﴿٣﴾

Q4 - What is the ayah after

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ﴿٤﴾

Q5 - What is the ayah before

وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَأَرْغَب ﴿٨﴾

Q6 – What is the ayah after

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا سَجَىٰ ﴿٢﴾

Q7 – What is the ayah after

وَلِلْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لَّكَ مِنَ الْأُولَىٰ ﴿٤﴾

Q8 – What is the ayah after

أَلَمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ ۖ

Q9 - What is the ayah after

وَوَجَدَكَ عَائِلًا فَأَغْنَىٰ ۗ

Q10 - What is the ayah after

وَأَمَّا السَّائِلَ فَلَا تَنْهَرْ ۗ

Class discussion:

#1 We spoke about seeking refuge from Shaitan as Allah has commanded it in the Qur'an (Surah Nahl (Surah # 16) ayah #98-99)

#2 We spoke about Ayah 17 of Surah Qamar (Surah # 54) where Allah says that HE has made the Qur'an easy for remembrance/recitation/understanding/memorization. This is the first part of the ayah.

1) The students are expected to know the reasoning behind sincere efforts to seek refuge prior to recitation. They need to be able to mention that Allah has commanded it in the Qur'an itself, thus indicating the importance of this act, prior to starting the recitation with Bismillahi Rrahman Urraheem. **BONUS, IF THEY KNOW THE AYAS** 98-99 from Surah Nahl (Surah #16), But they **DON'T HAVE TO KNOW** the ayahs.

2) **HAVE TO KNOW** 54:17 along with the meaning! *NOTE*. We only covered the first part of the ayah. "Laqad Yassarnal Qur'ana Liz zikri" translated "And We have indeed made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember"

Ayat covered in discussion:

Surah 16 Nahl Ayah 98 and 99 (ONLY NEED TO KNOW FOR BONUS!!!)

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٩٨﴾

So when you recite the Qur'an, [first] seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the expelled [from His mercy].

إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ لَهُ سُلْطَانٌ عَلَى الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَلَى رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾

Indeed, there is for him no authority over those who have believed and rely upon their Lord.

Surah 54 Qamar Ayah 17 (HAVE TO KNOW THE FIRST PART!!!)

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ ﴿١٧﴾

And We have indeed made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember, then is there any that will remember (or receive admonition)?

Translation questions: ONLY ON SURAH LAYL AND SHAMS

(1)

وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَىٰ ١

By the night when it covers

(2)

فَسَنِّيَسِرُهُ ۖ لِلْيَسْرَىٰ ٧

We will ease him toward ease.

(3)

وَصَدَقَ بِالْحُسْنَىٰ ٦

وَكَذَّبَ بِالْحُسْنَىٰ ٩

And believes in the best [reward],

And denies the best [reward],

(4)

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا ٩

He has succeeded who purifies it (the soul)

(5)

وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا ١٠

And he has failed who instills it [with corruption]

(6)

وَلَا يَخَافُ عُقْبَاهَا ١٥

And He does not fear the consequence thereof.

Tafseer Questions: ONLY ON SURAH LAYL AND SHAMS

1) Surah Layl:

(1) What did we discuss about the efforts being diverse and the reward given to different people

إِنَّ سَعْيَكُمْ لَشَتَّىٰ ٤

Indeed, your efforts are diverse.

ANSWER: We spoke about how the intentions change the value of the action so the reward cannot be equal for everyone

(2) Who are the people Allah that Allah is speaking of here?

فَسَنِّيئِرُهُ وَلِيَّسْرِي ٧

We will ease him toward ease.

ANSWER: he who gives and fears Allah and believes in Allah's good rewards

(3) What did we discuss about this ayah

فَسَنِّيئِرُهُ وَلِلْعُسْرِي ١٠

We will ease him toward difficulty.

ANSWER: We spoke about how good deeds will become difficult and sin will become easy

(4) When we spoke about this ayah we spoke about a prophet and his five commandments. Who was that prophet and which commandment did we speak about? And how did this prophet explain this commandment to his people?

الَّذِي يُؤْتِي مَالَهُ يَتَزَكَّىٰ ١٨

[He] who gives [from] his wealth to purify himself

ANSWER: Yahya (AS) was given the commandment of giving charity. And he said "give charity until you ransom yourself from the fire"

(5) What did we speak about seeing Allah's face in this ayah?

إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ رَبِّهِ الْأَعْلَىٰ ٢٠

But only seeking the countenance of his Lord, Most High

ANSWER: The greatest pleasure that Allah has said is seeing his face and giving charity for the sake of one day seeing his face is the best intention. Different levels will see HIS face at different frequencies

1) Surah Shams:

(1) In the first eight ayath of Suratush Shams Allah swears by the sun, moon, day, night, heavens and earth to bring attention to which thing, that HE has “proportioned” and “inspired to depravity or piety”?

ANSWER: The Soul

(2) What is the outcome of the one who has purified the soul or corrupted the soul?

ANSWER: “**He who purifies his soul**” of sins and cleanses it of defects, who urges it to obey Allah and ennoble it through beneficial knowledge and righteous deeds “**has succeeded, and he who stifles it,**” who covers his noble self up – which should not be curbed or hidden – by sullyng it with evil, tarnishing it with defect and sin, leaving what would perfect and benefit it, and employing what would mar and stunt it “**has failed.**”

(3) What was the sin the people of Thalmud were punished for?

ANSWER: For their lying against their prophet (Saleh) AND for harming their she-camel and preventing her from drinking, after draining her of her milk.

History Questions: ONLY ON SURAH LAYL AND SHAMS

1) Surah Layl:

(1) Where was Suratul Layl revealed?

ANSWER: This sūrah is one of the first ten to be revealed in **Mecca**.

(2) What was the purpose of the Surah?

ANSWER: To talk about the two kinds of people (charitable and arrogant (self sufficient) and to describe their end. AND to speak about the greatest wealth in dunya (guidance) and in akhira (seeing the face of Allah)

(3) What is the disease Allah talks about in this surah

ANSWER: In this surah Layl - the disease is *Istaghna* اسْتَعْنَى (thinking he is 'free of need' from everyone [including Allah].)

Because **when people have a lot of power and wealth, they think they are not in need of Allah.**

1) Surah Shams:

(1) Where was surah shams revealed?

ANSWER: In Makkah during the times that there was strong opposition against the prophet SAW

(2) What is the name of the people whom Allah talks about in the second half of the surah?

ANSWER: Thalmud

(3) What is the name of the prophet who was sent to them?

ANSWER: Saaleh

CORRECT pronunciation:

The following are letters that are similar in Arabic and are pronounced differently and the letters that are commonly mispronounced.

ص ث س

In English these letters are all pronounced “s” or “sa” but in Arabic these letters have different pronunciations, which change the words, they are in.

ظ ز

In English these letters are all pronounced “z” or “za” but in Arabic these letters have different pronunciations, which change the words, they are in.

ق ك

In English these letters are all pronounced “q” and “k” but in Arabic these Qaaf is stronger than just “q” and kaf is very thin.

ض د

In English these letters are all pronounced “d” or “da” but in Arabic these letters have different pronunciations, which change the words, they are in.

Errors in pronunciation will change the words and change the meanings of sentences and make you change the things that ALLAH subhanahu wa ta'ala says in the Qur'an!!!

Remember that the 25% is for pronouncing correctly while reciting the memorized surah.

May Allah help you benefit from this knowledge in the exam on the 4th of May 2014 and in the akhira! Ameen ☺