

# Grade 3B Midterm Quranic Studies study guide

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( NOTE: YOU DON'T NEED TO STUDY FROM BOOK, THIS IS ENOUGH)

❖ Memorization of surah Ash Shams: ( 50% of grade). ORAL

30% Memorization, 20% correct pronunciations.

❖ Introduction (manners of recitation of quraan & benefits): (20% of grade).(question will be TRUE OR FALSE)

- *What are the Manners of reading the Qur'an?*

A. Understanding of the origin of the words

This is an indication to the greatness of the words being read, and the bounty of Allah; Glorified is He, to His creation when He addressed His creation with these words.

B. Putting into the heart the understanding that these are not the words of man.

C. Presence of the heart while reading.

the reader should throw away other thoughts while reading the Qur'an.

D. Understanding the meaning.

This means interacting and reacting to every verse according to what is proper for it. Stopping at a verse of warning and seeking protection with Allah, and stopping at a verse of mercy and asking The Merciful for His Bounty.

E. Individualization

This means that the reader feels that every message in the Qur'an is meant especially for him personally

F. Purity of body and clothes and place.

Using sawak.( sunah)

G. Facing the Qiblah.

H. Seeking refuge from rejected Satan and reading the basmalah.

Not reading when yawning.

I. Avoiding cutting off reading to talk with people.

- *What great benefits of reciting the Quran ( you do not need to memorize hadith, you just need the meaning) YOU DON'T NEED TO MEMORIZE/ JUST UNDERSTAND.*

1 - You will be from the best of the people.

the Prophet (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said: "The best of you are the ones who learn the Qur'an and teach it to others"

2 - There are ten rewards for each letter you recite from the Qur'an.

As an authentic hadith in At-Tirmithees proves: "Whoever reads a letter from the Book of Allah, he will have a reward. And that reward will be multiplied by ten. I am not saying that "Alif, Laam, Meem" is a letter, rather I am saying that "Alif" is a letter, "laam" is a letter and "meem" is a letter." So increase your recitation of the Qur'an to gain these merits, and to gain the following merit as well.

3- The reciters of the Qur'an will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels.

the Prophet (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said: "Verily the one who recites the Qur'an beautifully, smoothly, and precisely, he will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels. And as for the one who recites with difficulty, stammering or stumbling through its verses, then he will have TWICE that reward." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

So do not let the Shaytaan give you false excuses, such as "I am not an 'Arab," or "Its not my language." This hadith is a firm proof against these whisperings. Dedicate yourself to the Book of Allah, whether you are an 'Arab or not! The excuses have been eliminated and the pathway has been cleared for you to embrace the Book of Allah without holding back or offering excuses!

4-Your position in Paradise is determined by the amount of Qur'an you memoriz in this life!

'Abdullaah ibn 'Amr ibn Al-'Aas heard the Prophet (sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam) saying: "It will be said to the companion of the Qur'an: Read and elevate (through the levels of the Paradise) and beautify your voice as you used to do when you were in the dunyaa! For verily, your position in the Paradise will be at the last verse you recite!"

### ❖ Discussion of surah Ash Shams: (20 % of grade).

- *Where surat Ash Shams revealed?*

This Surah was revealed in the early period when opposition to the Prophet (pbuh) during his residence at Makkah had grown very strong and intense.

- *What the Major Issue, Divine Law and Guidance in surah?*

Success depends on keeping the soul pure and failure depends on corrupting it, people of Thamud were leveled to the ground for that very reason.

- *What six creations of allah are mentioned in surat As Shams?*

The sun & the moon.

The day and the night.

The sky and the earth.

○ *What are the learned lessons from surah?*

- 1- Just as the sun and the moon, the day and the night, the earth and the sky, are different from each other and contradictory in their effects and results, so are good and evil different from each other and contradictory in their effects and results; they are neither alike in their outward appearance nor can they be alike in their results.
- 2- Allah, after giving the human its body, sense and mind has not left it uninformed in the world, but has instilled into its unconscious, by means of a natural inspiration, the distinction between good and evil, right and wrong.
- 3- The future of man depends on recognizing these differences, developing the good and suppressing the evil tendencies of the self. If he develops good inclinations and frees himself of evil inclinations, he will attain eternal success, and if, on the contrary, he suppresses good and promotes evil, he will meet with disappointments and failures.

○ *Why story of Thamoud tribe was mentioned in surah, & what the story?*

This Surah relates the story of the people of Thamud to show that a Rasool is raised in the world; because the inspirational knowledge of good and evil that Allah has placed in human nature is, by itself, not enough for the guidance of man; rather on account of his failure to understand it, man has invented wrong criteria, and theories of good and evil, and is going astray. The example of Thamud relates that Prophet Saleh (pbuh) was sent to that nation, but the people overwhelmed by their evil and became so rebellious, that they rejected him. And when he presented before them the miracle of the she camel, which was demanded by them, the one who was the most wretched of them hamstrung it in accordance with the will and desire of the people. Consequently, the entire tribe was overtaken by the wrath of Allah.

❖ Arabic alphabets and vowels (10 % of grade).ORAL

There are 3 vowels in Arabic

- ✓ Fat-ha, above the letters, which is equivalent to A.
- ✓ Kasra looks the same as Fatha except it goes under the letter, Kasra sounds like the vowel E or I.
- ✓ Damma looks like a little ribbon and it goes on top of a letter, Damma sounds like the vowel O or U