

Grade 4-I Midterm Study Guide

SURAH TO MEMORIZE: (30% of grade)

Surah Balad

- Should be EXTREMELY thorough and will not be prompted!
- This surah gets 30%, i.e. 20% memorization and 10% pronunciation.

Noorania: (10% of grade)

Lesson 1

- Recite the Basmallah
- Read the lesson number and title in arabic
- Recite each line of letters fluently, without rushing

Lesson 2

- Read the lesson number and title in arabic
- Recite each line of letters fluently, without rushing

Lesson 3

- Read the lesson number and title in arabic
- Recite each line of letters fluently, without rushing

DISCUSSION SURAH Balad (10% of grade)

Where was surah Balad revealed?

Answer: Makkah

How many Ayas are in Surah Al-Balad

Answer: 20 Ayas

What does Allah (SWT) teach us in this Surah?

Answer:

- a) Reminding mankind that Allah is All-Knower of what they do
- b) Reminding mankind that Allah has given them ability to differentiate between the good and the evil
- c) Characteristics of the true believers
- d) Rewards for the true believers in the next life
- e) Punishments for those who are not true believers

Class discussion #1: (20% of grade)

What do we say before reciting the Qur'an?

Answer: "I seek refuge in Allah from Shaitan, the accursed one."

Why do we say this before reciting the Qur'an?

Answer: Because Allah tells us to do so in HIS Qur'an "So when you recite the Qur'an, [first] seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the one who is expelled from His mercy]. [16:98]

Why does Allah tell us to say this before reciting the Qur'an?

Answer: Shaitan dislikes hearing the recitation of the Qur'an and he being our greatest enemy takes it upon himself to disturb us relentlessly, as soon as we sit down to recite .

Class discussion #2: (10% of grade)

What is the ayah that says that Allah has made the Qur'an easy to remember/study?

Answer: "Wa Laqad Yassarnal Qur'ana Liz zikri" translated "And We have indeed made the Qur'an easy to understand and remember" [54:17] And We have certainly made the Qur'an easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?

YOU MUST KNOW THIS AYAH!!!

Surah Al-Balad Aya 19:

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِنَا هُمْ أَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ (١٩)

COMMONLY MISPRONOUNCED LETTERS: (20% of grade)

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 ذ 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.

د ض

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!!!**