

Day 1

Question. Which of the following is true of Surah Al-Baqarah?

It is the longest surah in the Qur'an.

Question. How many Surahs are contained in Juz 1 (part 1)?

Two. Surah Al-Fatiha and part of Surah Al-Baqarah are contained in Juz 1.

Question. Surah Fatihah (The Opening) is the first Surah revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him)?

False.

Day 2

Question. Ayah/Verse 158 in Surah Baqarah reads:

"Behold, As-Safa and Al-Marwah are among the symbols set up by God; and thus, no wrong does he who, having come to the Temple on pilgrimage or on a pious visit, strides to and fro between these two: or, if one does more good than he is bound to do - behold, God is responsive to gratitude, all-knowing."

Who first ran between the hills of Safa and Marwa? Why did she run?

Hager (Hajra alayhas salaam) ran between the outcrops of Safa and Marwa to search for water for her infant son Ishmael (Isma'il layhis salaam). She was searching for water to quench their thirst.

Question. In addition to spiritual purification and cleansing, fasting (siyam) serves which other purposes:

- to provide a self-exacted exercise of self-discipline.
- to realize, through our own experience, how it feels to be hungry and thirsty and appreciate the needs of the poor.
- to commemorate the beginning of the Qur'anic revelation.

Question. Your non-Muslim friend quotes the following verses to you from the Qur'an:

"Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you but do not transgress. Indeed. Allah does not like transgressors. And kill them wherever you overtake them and expel them from wherever they have expelled you, and fitnah is worse than killing. And do not fight them at al-Masjid al-Haram until they fight you there. But if they fight you, then kill them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers." Qur'an 2:190-191.

Your friend uses these verses to support their claim that Muslims are directed to commit violence against them. How would you better educate and explain these verses to them?

Muslims must not commit aggression against non-Muslims (or anyone else for that matter) unless and until they wage war against us. That too, only as a last resort, for self-defense.

This ayah/verse in Surah Baqarah (The Cow) in Juz 2, asks us to use our reason and logic and observe the numerous wonders of nature around us so that we come to appreciate all that Allah has created.

Verse 2:164. Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and earth, and the alternation of the night and the day, and the [great] ships which sail through the sea with that which benefits people, and what Allah has sent down from the heavens of rain, giving life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness and dispersing therein every [kind of] moving creature, and [His] directing of the winds and the clouds controlled between the heaven and the earth are signs for a people who use reason.

Day 3

Question. "Allah does not charge a soul except [with that within] its capacity. It will have [the consequence of] what [good] it has gained, and it will bear [the consequence of] what [evil] it has earned. "Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred. Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear. And pardon us; and forgive us; and have mercy upon us. You are our protector, so give us victory over the disbelieving people."

These verses are very significant when a Muslim is faced with difficulty and hardship. In a few sentences explain how we Muslims should look at trials and tribulations.

To be patient and persevere knowing that what harms befalls them is a consequence of their action. And to trust and depend on Allah alone for granting us support and forgiveness when we make mistakes InshaAllah.

Question. The reference to the Aal-E-'Imran (House of 'Imran) serves as an introduction to the stories of:

Maryam (alayhas salaam)

Prophet Zakariyah

Prophet Isa

Prophet Yahya

Question. You read that a celebrity is an avid car collector and has a garage full of vintage sports cars. Of course he is very rich so he can afford his expensive hobby. He's got a chateau somewhere in Paris where he can get away "from it all" when he is not in his condo in Los Angeles' upscale neighbourhood of Beverly Hills. Which verse in Juz 3 succinctly says that this is but the nature of men? That rather than surrounding ourselves with material wealth, we should try to earn Allah's Good Pleasure InshaAllah.

Verse 3:14. Alluring unto man is the enjoyment of worldly desires through women, and children, and heaped-up treasures of gold and silver, and horses of high mark, and cattle, and

lands. All this may be enjoyed in the life of this world - but the most beautiful of all goals is with God.

Question. Islamic jurists (fuqaha), without any exception, all unanimously agree that forcing someone to accept Islam is a major sin and their forced conversion is under all circumstances null and void. Which verse in Juz 3 disposes the fallacy that Islam in the early days made non-muslims choose between "conversion or the sword"?

Verse 2:256. There shall be no coercion in matters of faith.

Day 4

Question. "And disobeyed after He had brought you within view of that [victory] for which you were longing. There were among you such as cared for this world [alone], just as there were among you such as cared for the life to come" Qur'an 4:109

What flaw in strategy (made by the Muslims) resulted in their loss at Uhud? Who is referred to in the second part of the ayah "you disagreed with one another regarding the [Prophet's] command"? Who played a pivotal role in defeating the Muslims at Uhud?

When news of victory arrived, many Muslim soldiers forgot their role as they started thinking of the war booty they would receive. Out of the fifty Muslim archers less than ten remained at their post; the others abandoned their posts in the hopes of securing some of the booty. It is to them, as well as the few Companions who went on fighting after the bulk of the Muslims had fled, that the second part of the above sentence refers. Khalid ibn Al-Waleed, the greatest military strategist to live, had not yet embraced Islam and was single handedly responsible for the Muslims' defeat at Uhud.

Question. Ayah/verse 185 of Surah Al-E-Imran transliterates in Arabic as, "Kullu nafsin zaiqatul maut". What is the best translation for these perfect words in English?

"Every soul will taste death."

Question. Umar (RadhiAllahu anhu) said that before the advent of Islam, they used to treat women as property, to be bought and traded and without rights of their own. Then Muhammad (pace be on him) came to their rescue and taught them that women are to be respected and cherished for they are Allah's servants too. What Surah in the Qur'an deals with issues concerning the fairer gender? What are some of the issues discussed in this Surah (name just a few)?

Surah An-Nisa talks deals with many issues regarding women such as their treatment afforded to them, then about slaves, orphan girls, and wives. It also explains the rights of inheritance for women and also defines the women which men are forbidden to marry.

Day 5

Question. In Surat An-Nisa (The Women), Allah Ta'ala provides the Muslims with a different way to purify their bodies in the event water cannot be found to make wudu (ablution) for prayer. What is this method called? What ayah/verses mention this alternative to wudu? Second, write down the steps (as mentioned in the verse) for performing this alternative form of ablution?

Tayammum. Ayah/verse 43 of Surah An-Nisa contains the commandment for performing Tayammum. To perform Tayammum, one must first hit (gently of course) the ground or dirt with one's hands. Then one passes the palm of each hand over the back of the other hand. Finally, blow the dust off your hands and wipe/rub your face.

**Question. Ayah/verse 120 of Surah An-Nisa transliterates in English as:
"Ya'iduhum wa yumanneehim. Wa ma ya'iduhum ash-shaitanu illa ghuroora."
Explain the word "ghuroor" here as best as you can.**

The term ghuroor signifies anything by which the mind is beguiled or deceived – for instance, utter self-abandonment to earthly joys, or the absurd belief that there is no limit to man's aims and achievements.

Day 6

Question. Which ayah/verse from Surah Ma'idah tells us that all people are equal in the sight of Allah and that He has no favorites?

Ayah/verse 5:18. But the Jews and the Christians say, "We are the children of Allah and His beloved." Say, "Then why does He punish you for your sins?" Rather, you are human beings from among those He has created. He forgives whom He wills, and He punishes whom He wills. And to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them, and to Him is the [final] destination.

Question. "And from those who say, "We are Christians" We took their covenant; but they forgot a portion of that of which they were reminded. So We caused among them animosity and hatred until the Day of Resurrection. And Allah is going to inform them about what they used to do." Qur'an 5:14

What does the following verse prophesize?

Basically, it is a clear prophecy of the Christendom being ripped apart into innumerable sects, each claiming worthiness over the other and being intolerant of the other.

Question. "Say, "O People of the Scripture, you are [standing] on nothing until you uphold [the law of] the Torah, the Gospel, and what has been revealed to you from your Lord." And

that which has been revealed to you from your Lord will surely increase many of them in transgression and disbelief. So do not grieve over the disbelieving people.” Qur’an 5:68
What can we infer from this ayah?

The Qur'an makes a statement that the Bible, as it exists now, has undergone many textual changes and corruptions.

Day 7

Question. What is the meaning of Al-Ma'idah (as it relates to Surah Al-Ma'idah)?

The tablecloth upon which food is served (sent from the heavens by Allah to the disciples of Prophet 'Isa).

Question. In Surah Al-Ma'idah, Allah mentions several miracles that He gave to Prophet Isa (Jesus) to prove to his people that he was indeed a prophet sent by Allah. Name 3 of these miracles given to Prophet Isa (peace be on him).

Hint: Review verses 105-110

Prophet 'Isa has several miracles:

- Spoke to the people as a baby in the cradle
- Was taught how to write
- Was given wisdom (Al-Hikmah)
- Given understanding of both the Torah & Injeel
- Took a piece of clay and molded it into a real bird by Allah's Permission
- Healed the lepers
- Healed the people born blind
- Brought the dead back to life out of their graves by the Permission of Allah

Day 8

Question. In the opening verses of Surah Al-A'raf, Allah, talks about how He created the first human being, Prophet Adam (peace be on him). After creating Adam, Allah ordered the angels and the jinn to prostrate to Adam (as an act of worship to Allah by obeying His Commandment). Iblis (who was also a jinn) refused to prostrate to Adam. What reason did Iblis give for disobeying the command of Allah (to prostrate to Prophet Adam)?

Iblis said, in close translation to the meaning, "I am better than him (Adam). You created me from fire, and You created him from clay."

Question. Match the name of the Prophet with the people and the punishment sent to them for disobeying that Prophet (sent by Allah).

Prophet	People	Punishment
Salih	Thamud	Tremendous earthquake
Hud	'Aad	Fierce sandstorm
Shuayb	Madyan	Tremendous earthquake
Lot	Lot's people	Rain of stones

Day 9

Question. In ayaah/verses 103-110 of Surah Al-A'raaf, Allah, mentions 2 miracles He gave to Prophet Musa (Moses) (peace be on him) to prove to the Fir'aun (Pharaoh) of Egypt and his people that he (Musa) was a prophet sent by Allah. Name the 2 miracles mentioned in these verses which were given to Prophet Musa (peace be on him).

1. When Prophet Musa (peace be on him) threw his staff on the ground it turned into a serpent.
2. When he took his hand out from underneath his armpit, it would turn a bright white color.

Question. How did Allah finally punish and destroy the Pharaoh of Egypt as well as his followers after they disbelieved in the message of Prophet Musa (peace be on him) to worship Allah alone?

Drowned at sea.

Day 10

Question. "Allah has already given you victory in many regions and [even] on the day of Hunayn, when your great number pleased you, but it did not avail you at all, and the earth was confining for you with its vastness; then you turned back, fleeing. Then Allah sent down His tranquillity upon His Messenger and upon the believers and sent down soldiers angels whom you did not see and punished those who disbelieved. And that is the recompense of the disbelievers." Qur'an 9:25-26

Which army had more numbers (meaning had more soliders) in the Battle of Hunayn?

The Muslim army.

Question. Which of the following are true of Surah At-Taubah?

It was revealed in Madinah.

It is part of the so-called "seven long Surahs" of the Qur'an.

It does not begin with "Bismillah..."

Day 11

Question. The pagan Arabs in the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) claimed that the Qur'an was something made-up by Muhammad (peace be on him) (even though he could not read or write). In Surah Yunus Allah issues a strong challenge to those people who claim that the Qur'an is a fake (meaning they say that the Qur'an is not a divine text containing the Words of Allah). What ayah/verse in Juz 11 (part 11) contains this challenge?

Ayah/verse 10:38. Or do they say [about the Prophet], "He invented it?" Say, "Then bring forth a surah like it and call upon [for assistance] whomever you can besides Allah, if you should be truthful."

Day 12

Question. Which prophet was sent to the people of Thamud (as mentioned in Surah Hud)?

Prophet Salih (peace be on him).

Question. Who was the first Arabian prophet?

Prophet Hud (peace be on him).

Question. After Prophet Nuh (peace be on him) built the ship (ark), it began to rain heavily. As the earth began to flood, one member of Nuh's family refused to get on the boat. The family member thought he/she could save himself/herself from the flood by getting to a mountain (high ground). The family member, however, like the rest of those who disbelieved in the message of Prophet Nuh drowned (in the flood). After reading Surah Hud, which member from Prophet Nuh's (peace be on him) refused to get on the ship and thus drowned? His son.

Day 13

Question. Surah Yusuf tells the amazing story of the different trials faced by Prophet Yusuf (peace be on him). One of the first trials he faced as a young boy was dealing with the jealous feelings of his older brothers. Yusuf's brothers came up with a plan for getting rid of their younger brother (i.e. Yusuf). What was their plan?

Throw Yusuf down a well.

Question. After being unfairly thrown in prison for a crime he did not commit, Prophet Yusuf, was eventually released by the king of Egypt. The king gave Prophet Yusuf an important job within his kingdom. What job did the king give Prophet Yusuf?

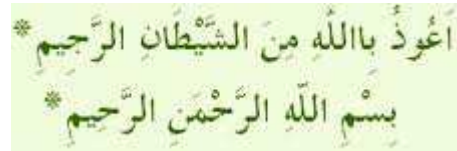
Minister of the food storehouse (grain) for the land of Egypt. The predecessor to the Food and Drug Administration. :)

Question. Which other Prophet's story mirrors that of Prophet Yusuf? This Prophet (like Yusuf) went from humble beginnings to becoming one of the most trusted and beloved people in the land.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him)

Day 14

Question. In Surah An-Nahl (The Ant), Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala, advises the Muslims that when we read from the Qur'an, we should seek Allah's Protection from Satan by saying



Which ayah/verse does this commandment appear in?

Ayah/verse 98. So when you recite the Qur'an, [first] seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the expelled [from His mercy].

Question. What ayah/verse in Juz 14 (part 14) states that the text of the Qur'an has remained free from any and all alterations, additions or deletions ever since it was revealed to the Prophet because Allah Himself has sworn to guard it as such?

Ayah/verse 15:9. Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an and indeed, We will be its guardian.

Day 15

Question. The disbelievers of Quraysh, under the instruction of the Jews, in order to test the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, asked him three questions. 1) The matter of the ruh addressed in Surah _____, 2) the story of the people of the cave mentioned in Surah _____, and 3) the story of Dhul qarnain which is addressed in Surah _____.

Surah Al-Israa'

Surah Al-Kahf

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Question: During Israa' wal Mi'raj (the Night Journey Prophet Muhammad took from Makkah to Jerusalem), Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) traveled from Masjid Al-_____ to Masjid Al-_____. Fill in the blanks with the correct names of the two masjid and their geographical locations.

Masjid Al-Haram in Makkah

Masjid Al-Aqsa in Jerusalem