

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
برنامج الدروس المقترحة لطلبة العلم
Suggested Study Program For Seekers of
Knowledge
Offered At www.understand-islam.net
and
"Understanding Islam 1" Room on Paltalk

1. Suggested Study Program - see schedule below

- All seekers of correct knowledge, Muslims and non-Muslims, are invited to join our study program on Basic Islamic Information.
- The program comprises four levels.
- During the course of each level, the participant will memorize a few surahs and study their tafseer. There will be tests for both tafseer and memorization at the completion of each level.
- A person might be confident about passing a test right now on a given topic, but the review of information is beneficial for everyone. It leads to the correction of misinformation. In addition, it reminds us of what we thought we knew but had forgotten. It establishes the foundations of correct knowledge and fosters a better practice of Islam.

2. Registration and General Information

- There is no cut-off date for registration.
- Official registration is done when taking a test.
- All new participants enter the program at Level 1, Test 1
- Resource person for sisters is umm_A7med
- Resource person for brothers is abu_abdullah_

3. Preparation For a Test

- Commitment to learn Islam includes regular attendance to daily classes.
- It implies the willingness to do one's best to keep up with regular studying.
- For material to study for each test, please consult the **program's schedule**.
- Participants either work individually or make their own study group. Tests **must** be done **individually**.
- Taking notes facilitates memorization of the important points. Notes are useful for the open book tests. Remember to ask for assistance only from someone trusted for his /her correct knowledge

4. General Information On Tests

- There is one test for each division of each level of the program.
- For example, there would be three tests for a level with three divisions.
- Start working on memorization at the same time as starting a new level.

The **final test of each level includes** testing on memorization and tafseer of specific surahs of the Quraan. **For example:** Al-Fatiha plus surah 99. Al-Zalzalah to surah 114. An-Naas for the last test of Level 1

- When you have completed the preparation for a test, contact either abu_abdullah or umm_A7med to obtain the link for this particular test.

5. Taking a Test

NOTE: in sha Allaah, eventually the tests will be on a monthly basis.

A. **Log on to the link for the specific test you need to take.**

- since people join the program at different time, not everyone is at the same point into the study program.
- e.g. one person might do Test 3 Level 1, another might do Test 1 Level 1

B. **Fill up the required information, such as a valid email and your name.**

- your name -> same **Paltalk name** you use to attend daily classes.
- please use the **same name and same email** for all the tests.

C. **Start reading the questions:**

- **At first reading** of the test, answer the "easy questions".
- Read the test again and answer more questions. Repeat as needed.
- Remember one question might **give you a clue** to the right answer for another question
- None of the question should be left unanswered. The final grade is on the total number of questions in the test. It is **not on the number** of questions **you answered**.

D. **It is very important to identify keywords in each question**, so take time to **finish reading** each question carefully. Examples ->

- Keywords "**NOT in the definition**" -> then, **what is an essential part** of a definition is the wrong answer
- Keywords "**identify the incorrect statement**" -> then, a **correct** statement would be the **wrong answer**
- Keywords "**both / all**" of the above statements are correct -> then, make certain to read all the statements
- Quotes from either Quraan or Hadeeth -> this does **not** automatically mean it is the right answer ... **take time to review the references and remember to identify the keywords**, ... maybe the question says this reference is evidence for a "**waajib**" ... but in **reality** it could be evidence for a "**pillar**"

E. **The test is graded immediately after submission.**

Answers are marked as either correct or incorrect.

This information can either be saved or printed

Quraan Study and Memorization

1. Why learn to read Quraan in Arabic?

- Quraan was revealed in Arabic, and its full meaning is **only** in Arabic.
- Translation of the meaning is **not** Quraan. It **cannot be used in prayer**.
- Transliteration **cannot** replace Arabic script. It could lead to mispronunciation and therefore to a change in meaning.

2. Reading Quraan in Arabic

- Don't rush when learning letters /signs and sounds of letters. Patience here will pay off later on. Knowing Arabic letters is **not the same** as knowing all reading rules.
- Learning a surah directly from Arabic script **cannot** {and should not} happen before acquiring a minimum proficiency in reading Arabic correctly.
- Some errors in reading are **serious** as they change the meaning of the Quraan, and they are very difficult to correct **after** they are memorized.
- Learning to read the Quraan without changing its meaning, this is **essential** ... learning tajweed rules, this is an option

3. Quraan Study

- Know the overall meaning in your own language. This does not mean to learn the translation by heart.
- Read the accompanying tafseer and take notes. See the program's schedule for tafseer of juz 'amma.
- Even if you have a recitation teacher, record **your own recitation** to check for errors **before** memorizing one verse or one line.
- **Commit to read** some Quraan daily. **Commit to memorize** a minimum of verses or lines daily. Set up goals according to your personal ability and revise periodically as needed.

5 daily prayers

1 page after each salaah
2 pages
3 pages
4 pages
5 pages

5 daily opportunities to read Quraan

3 months to finish Quraan
2 months
40 days
30 days
24 days

Memorizing the Quraan

1 line per day
3 lines per day
6 lines per day
8 lines per day
1 **page** per day

How long would it take you?

24 years to memorize Quraan
8 years
4 years
3 years
20 months

4. Quraan Memorization - Time Needed to Review

less than 30 minutes

review everything daily

between 30 to 60 min

- on day 1 do first half
- on day 3 do first half

review half on alternate days

on day 2 do second half
on day 4 do second half

from 1 hour to 3 and 1/2 hours

- divide as needed into 20 to 30 minutes sessions
- review one session every day
- eventually, it will take you 7 days for one complete review

more than 3 and 1/2 hours

- modify the schedule as needed to include new surah / verses
- try to divide the review as equally as possible into 7 sessions
- continue to take maximum 7 days to do one complete review

5. Going Ahead of the Schedule for Quraan Study

- At any time, **do not wait** for the program to catch up with your present level of study and memorization. The person who already did the study and memorization for one level of the program **should move on** to the next level **right away**.
- The person who **finished juz 'amma** should also commit to learn a minimum of verses or lines everyday and study a different juz.
- Remember to continue to know the overall meaning in your own language for every surah you are studying and remember to continue reading the tafseer of the surah you are presently learning, Some tafseer is available on the webpage.

Study Program Schedule

Sources:

1. www.understand-islam.net
2. Paltalk Category -> Social Issues --- Human Rights --- Understanding Islam 1
3. Approximate Time of Classes -> 3:00pm EST - 8:00pm UK - 11:00pm Makkah
Class time is **one hour earlier** when on Daylight Saving Time.

Conditions:

1. Attendance of daily classes in "Understanding Islam 1"
2. Follow the schedule at each level
3. Pass the tests on each subject.
4. Commitment to disseminate the knowledge.

Level One

Test	Material To Study	Main Audio Link http://understand-islam.net/audio/andromeda.php
Test # 1	Shahaadah - Meaning and Conditions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - Pillars of Islam 3. Open -> Shahaadah - Testimony of Faith 4. Study -> lectures 01 to 06 inclusively
	Important Lessons for the Muslim Ummah	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Knowledge - Explanation of Beneficial Books 3. Open -> Important Lessons for the Ummah 4. Study -> lectures 13 to 30 inclusively
Test # 2	Salaat Described - part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - Pillars of Islam 3. Open -> Salaah Described 4. Study -> lectures 001 to 025 inclusively
Test # 3	Salaat Described - part 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - Pillars of Islam 3. Open -> Salaah Described 4. Study -> lectures 026 to 041 inclusively
	Sujuud As-Sahw - Prostrations of Forgetfulness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - Pillars of Islam 3. Open -> Sujuud As-Sahw- Prostrations of Forgetfulness 4. Study -> lectures 01 to 05 inclusively
	Points of Benefit - Salaat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - FAQ - Points of Benefit 3. Open -> Point of Benefit – Salaat 4. Study -> all the lectures
	Du'aa – Understanding and Rulings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - Creed 3. Open -> Du'aa – Understanding and Rulings 4. Study -> lectures 01 to 04 inclusively
Test # 3	Points of Benefit - Du'aa (Supplication)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - FAQ - Points of Benefit 3. Open -> Point of Benefit – Du'aa (Supplication) 4. Study -> all the lectures
Test # 4	Qur'aan - Principles of Tafseer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Quraan - Principles of Tafseer 3. Study -> lectures 01 to 14 inclusively
	Qur'aan - Study 17 Surahs - Tafseer - Memorization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Knowledge - Explanation of Beneficial Books 3. Open -> Important Lessons for the Ummah 4. Study -> lectures 01 to 12 inclusively 5. Learn -> Al-Fatiha - 99. Az-Zalzalah to 114. An-Na

Level Two

Test	Material To Study	Main Audio Link http://understand-islam.net/audio/andromeda.php
Test # 1	The Three Fundamental Principles - part 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Knowledge - Explanation of Beneficial Books 3. Open -> The Three Fundamental Principles 4. Study -> lectures 01 to 20 inclusively
Test # 2	The Three Fundamental Principles - part 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Knowledge - Explanation of Beneficial Books 3. Open -> The Three Fundamental Principles 4. Study -> lectures 21 to 43 inclusively
Test # 3	The Correct Creed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Beliefs - Creed 3. Open -> The Correct Creed 4. Study -> lectures 01 to 17 inclusively
Test # 4	Qur'aan - Study 10 Surahs - Tafseer - Memorization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Qur'aan - Tafseer - Explanation of Qur'aan 4. Open -> Tafseer - Explanation Part 30 of Quran 5. Study -> lectures 089 to 098 inclusively 6. Learn -> from 89. Al-Fajr to 98. Al-Bayyinah
	Qur'aan - Study 3 Verses - Tafseer - Memorization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study -> Tafseer of Ayatul Kursiy www.understand-islam.net 2. Go to -> tafseer Ibn Katheer www.tafsir.com 3. Read -> tafseer of Surah Al-Baqarah 2:285 and 2:286 4. Learn -> Ayatul Kursiy (2:255), 2:285 and 2:286

Level Three

Test	Material To Study	Main Audio Link http://understand-islam.net/audio/andromeda.php
Test # 1	‘Umdatul Ahkaam - Purification - Hadeeth - 01 to 43	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Hadeeth - 'Umdatul Ahkaam - Purification 3. Study -> lectures 001 to 032 inclusively
Test # 2	‘Umdatul Ahkaam - Salaah - Hadeeth - 44 to 74	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Hadeeth - 'Umdatul Ahkaam - Salaah 3. Study -> lectures 033 to 059 inclusively
Test # 3	‘Umdatul Ahkaam - Fasting - Hadeeth - 001 to 021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Hadeeth - 'Umdatul Ahkaam - Fasting 4. Study -> lectures 301 to 321 inclusively
Test # 4	Bulugh al-Maraam - Book of Fasting - Hadeeth - 527 to 567	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Hadeeth - Bulugh al-Maraam - Book of Fas 4. Study -> lectures 01 to 24 inclusively
Test # 5	Qur'aan - Study 7 Surahs - Tafseer - Memorization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Quraan - Tafseer - Explanation of Qur'aan 3. Open -> Tafseer - Explanation Part 30 of Qur'aan 4. Study -> lectures 082 to 088 inclusively 6. Learn -> from 82. Al-Infitar to 88. Al-Ghaashiyah

Level Four

Test	Material To Study	Main Audio Link http://understand-islam.net/audio/andromeda.php
Test # 1	An-Nawawi's 40 Hadeeth - Hadeeth 01 to 08	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Hadeeth - An Nawawi - 40 Hadeeth 3. Study -> lectures 01 to 20 inclusively
Test # 2	An-Nawawi's 40 Hadeeth - Hadeeth 09 to 24	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Hadeeth - An-Nawawi - 40 Hadeeth 3. Study -> lectures 21 to 37 inclusively
Test # 3	An-Nawawi's 40 Hadeeth - Hadeeth 25 to 42	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Hadeeth - An-Nawawi - 40 Hadeeth 3. Study -> lectures 38 to 53 inclusively
Test # 4	Qur'aan - Study 4 Surahs - Tafseer - Memorization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to -> main audio link 2. Open -> Quraan - Tafseer - Explanation of Qur'aan 4. Open -> Tafseer - Explanation Part 30 of Qur'aan 5. Study -> lectures 078 to 081 inclusively 6. Learn -> 78. An-Nabaa to 81. At-Takweer inclusively