

SYLLABUS for ATFAL EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS

SITARA Atfal: Ages 7-9 years

QAMAR Atfal: Ages 10-12 years

BADAR Atfal: Ages 13-15 years

Competitions requiring qualification*: Recitation of Holy Qur'an, Speech, Urdu Poem and Team Trivia
Open competitions: Essay, Memorization of Holy Qur'an, Adhan (for 9 and under) and Spelling Bee

The top 3 finalists per age group for each region qualify to participate.

*Must place at the Regional Ijtema to qualify for the National Ijtema.

(for exceptions, contact your Local/Regional Nazim Atfal for eligibility)

SITARA Atfal (Ages 7-9)

Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

(Random portion will be asked)

Chapter 17, Verses 24-25

Memorization of the Holy Qur'an

(Arabic Only; Random verses will be asked)

Last 7 Chapters

Urdu Poem

Prepare the 1st 2 couplets from one of these Nazms:

Audio available on www.alislam.org/urdu/nazm/

“Hamdo Sana Usi Ko” (Durre Samin)

“Islam Say Na Bhago, Rahe Huda Yehi Hai” (Durre Samin)

Speech

(Prepare a 3-minute talk in English on one of the following)

- How I deal with bullying and name-calling
- Why it is important to respect our elders
- Importance of reciting the Holy Qur'an daily
- Etiquettes of the Mosque

QAMAR Atfal (Ages 10-12)

Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

(Random portion will be asked)

Chapter 2, Verses 41-44

Memorization of the Holy Qur'an

(Arabic Only; Random verses will be asked)

Last 14 Chapters

Urdu Poem

Prepare the 1st 2 couplets from one of these Nazms:

Audio available on www.alislam.org/urdu/nazm/

“Hay Shukkar Rabay Aza Wa Jal” (Durre Samin)

“Ik Zamana Tha Kay Mera Nam” (Durre Samin)

Speech

(Prepare a 3-minute talk in English on one of the following)

- The dangers of lying
- Importance of Salat
- The dangers of cheating
- How I deal with peer-pressure

BADAR Atfal (Ages 13-15)

Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

(Random portion will be asked)

Chapter 59, Verses 22-25

Memorization of the Holy Qur'an

Chapters 87-88, 93-95, 97, 99-102

Chapter 2, Verses 1-17, 256, 285-287

Urdu Poem

Prepare the 1st 2 couplets from one of these Nazms:

Audio available on www.alislam.org/urdu/nazm/

“Ay Khuda Ay Karsazo” (Durre Samin)

“Hamein Us Yar Say Taqwa Atta Hay” (Durre Samin)

Speech

(Prepare a 3-minute talk in English on one of the following)

- Why alcohol and drugs are prohibited in Islam
- Islam's social code and the dangers of dating
- Importance of cleanliness and personal hygiene in Islam
- The benefits and harms of the internet

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

ADHAN

- Open to all Atfal ages 9 and under

SPELLING BEE

- Separate open competitions for Sitara, Qamar and Badar

TEAM TRIVIA

- Teams consist of 6 members (all groups combined)
- One team per Region (as determined by Regional Nazim Atfal)

ESSAY

SITARA topic: **The History of Waqf-e-Jadid**

QAMAR topic: **Financial Sacrifice and Waqf-e-Jadid**

BADAR topic: **Tabligh and Waqf-e-Jadid**

- Atfal must submit their essays by **July 1, 2010**
- Essays must **not exceed 700 words**
- Tifl's name, age, Majlis, and contact information should be included. Submit essays to atfaleem@mkausa.org

JUDGING CRITERION for EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS for ALL GROUPS

Intended for the National Ijtema, but may be used for the Local/Regional Ijtema
(contact atfaltalem@mkausa.org for questions)

RECITATION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

Participant will be asked to recite the Arabic portion in a loud, clear and melodious voice

JUDGE ONE (Max 20 points): Pronunciation (stops appropriately, follows rules of grammar)

JUDGE TWO (Max 20 points): Delivery (voice quality, rate, volume and clarity)

MEMORIZATION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

Participant will be asked to recite random Arabic portions of the Ijtema syllabus

JUDGE ONE (Max 20 points): Pronunciation (grammatically correct)

JUDGE TWO (Max 20 points): Extent of memorization

URDU POEM

Participant will be asked to first 2 couplets of the assigned Urdu poem with no repeats

JUDGE ONE (Max 20 points): Pronunciation (grammatically correct)

JUDGE TWO (Max 20 points): Delivery (voice quality, rate, volume and clarity)

SPEECH

Participant will be asked to deliver a 3 minute prepared speech on a topic from the syllabus

JUDGE ONE (Max 20 points): 10 points for content (sticks to topic, uses Holy Qur'an and Ahadith)
10 points for originality (references are fresh, unique)

JUDGE TWO (Max 20 points): 10 points for delivery (body language, eye contact, rate and volume)
10 points for timing (on time, well-paced, doesn't have to rush)

NOTE: There will be a 5 point penalty for exceeding the 3 minute time limit

ADHAN

Participant will be asked to recite a portion of the Adhan in a loud and clear voice

JUDGE ONE (Max 20 points): Pronunciation (stops appropriately, correct pronunciation)

JUDGE TWO (Max 20 points): Delivery (adhan posture, voice quality, rate, volume, clarity)

ESSAY

*All essays will be scored prior to the Ijtema (submission deadline **July 1, 2010**)*

Criteria 1 (10 points): Relevance/Content (did the essay address the topic ?)

Criteria 2 (10 points): Clarity/Organization (how well did the essay structure its ideas ?)

Criteria 3 (10 points): Language/Expression (how well did the essay convey its ideas ?)

NOTE: There will be a 10 point penalty for exceeding the 700 word limit

SPELLING BEE

Participants will be asked to spell a word. If correct, he stays alive. If incorrect, he is instantly eliminated. He may ask the judge to pronounce the word, but he cannot ask the judge to use the word in a sentence. When the number of spellers is reduced to two, the winner will be determined when one misspells the word while the other correct spells the SAME word, as well as an additional word.

TEAM TRIVIA

This will be a Jeopardy style multi-round team competition (one team representing each MAA region, combined Sitara/Qamar/Badar Atfal. Topics will include basic religious and secular knowledge. Religious knowledge questions will be based largely on the National Atfal Taleem Syllabus.