



Call to the Light



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Important dates

- 2nd Dec – Exams Commence
- 5th Dec – Exams End
- 8 & 9th Dec – Eid Holidays (office closed)
- 12th Dec – Prep 2009 Orientation Day
- 27th Jan – First day for Teachers
- 29th Jan – First day for students (classes commence)

Hadith of the week

Hadhrat Abu Zar Ghifari (Radhiyallahu anho) submitted: "O, Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam) favour me with some advice." Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam) said: "When you happen to commit a sin, hasten to do a virtue in atonement, so that the ill effect of the sin may be washed away." Abu Zar (Radhiyallahu anho) then further enquired: "O Rasulullah! (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam) is recitation of "Laa Ilaha Illallah" also a virtue?" "It is the best of all virtues," was the reply of Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihe wasallam).

Note:

A minor sin, no doubt, is washed away by a virtuous deed, but a major one is wiped off, as a rule, through Taubah or of course through the Mercy of Almighty Allah. In either case, the wiped out sin is neither written in the account of deeds nor mentioned anywhere else. So it is said in one hadith that when a man does Taubah, the Almighty Allah makes the scribing angels forget that sin. It is forgotten even by the hands and feet of the sinner, and even by the piece of land where it was committed, so that there is nobody to give evidence for that sin on the Day of Judgement, when the hands, feet, and other parts of the body of the person himself will stand witness for his good or bad deeds.

Revision and Exam techniques for Quran

Part 2 of 2 – Quran Department

- 9) For those memorising the Qur'aan, try and read your lessons or previous lessons in your nafl salaah. Hadrat Jabir radiallahu anho narrates that he heard the Prophet Sallallahu alaihe wasallam saying 'The best salaah is one with prolonged rakaats.'
- 10) The most important nafl salaah is Salatut tahajjud. Hadrat Abu Hurairah radiallahu anho narrated that Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihe Wassallam said, 'Learn the Qur'aan and recite it, because the example of one who learns the Qur'aan, reads it and recites it in

Tahajjud is like an open bag full of musk, the fragrance whereof spreads over the entire place, and a person who has learnt the Qur'aan but sleeps while the Qu'raan is in his heart, is like a bag full of musk with its mouth closed.'

11) Most importantly, we should realise that Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala is the controller of everything. So we have to constantly beg from Allah for success in our examinations of this world as well as the one we all have to face in akhirah. The best way is by making salatut hajjat, making doa at time of tahajjud and after every prayer, and through other good deeds like giving sadaqah according to our capability.

12) Abstain from committing disobedience of Allah Subhanahu Wa Taala and seek forgiveness from those that have rights upon us i.e. our parents, family, teachers, friends and ask them to make doa for our success in dunia and akhirah.

13) Last but not least is to look after our health properly by eating healthy, nutritious food and to have enough rest before the examination starts. Keep calm when being tested and do not be hasty in the recitation; recite with tarteel.

May Allah S.W.T make it easy for all of us.

2nd Annual DUCV Quiz Competition

The Grand Final

DUCV Quiz Committee

Darul Ulum College hosted its 2nd Annual Quiz Competition – Grand Final on Monday 17th November, 2008. The event was held in the Prayer Hall and was attended by all students in the boys section. Several parents were also present to boost up the spirits of the contestants. The competition was hard fought till the very last round. Team A finally won by holding their nerve in the end, as they managed to answer all questions correctly in the Challenge Round.

After the final round, Br. Zulfiqar Ali (Principal), addressed the audience and revealed that the administration was very pleased with the effort of the brilliant students who made it to the Grand Final. He stressed the need for all students to learn more about our rich history and Islamic values. He admired the organization of the event and said that the college is committed to holding more of such events in the future.

The event concluded by a presentation ceremony of the awards to the winners. The details of the presentation ceremony are as under.

Winning Team Award – Team A

Tariq Ismail
Mubarak Mubarak
Zakaria Ismail

Quiz Competition 2008 – Achievement Award

Tariq Ismail (Category - Primary)
Mubarak Mubarak (Category - Secondary)
Zakaria Ismail (Category - Ilim)

Special Award - Commendable Performance

Abdulkerim Ceylan (Ilim)

Grand Final 2008 - Participant Award

Tariq Ismail	Hifz Primary
Abdullah Shehnai	Hifz Primary
Olaym Nahas	6 B
Mahmoud Chamra	6 B
Mubarak Mubarak	7 B
Mohammad Dennaoui	7 B
Tariq Ayas	8 B
Abu Baker Sadozai	10 B
Abdulkerim Ceylan	Ilim
Muzammil Dhedhy	Ilim
Usama Qazi	Ilim
Zakaria Ismail	Ilim

Year 10 Work Experience

For the past two weeks, as part as my work experience, I have been working with Prep C at Darul Ulum College. I have helped Ms Hafice test the student's reading, correct their work, give them spelling tests and everything else that Prep teachers go through. Before I started teaching the preps, I was really confident that it would be an easy job and that I'd have a blast working with the kids. Now don't get me wrong, I love doing one-on-one stuff with the kids but Prep teachers definitely should get more credit for their job. The students can be very demanding at times and the only breaks we do get have a big chance of being wasted doing things for the kids (photo-copying them their home-work, correcting their home-work and of course yard duty). After just one week, I have learnt many things about the kids and most of them feel very comfortable with me now. I've had a lot of fun and after only a week I feel like I know the kids inside out. But one thing I have definitely learnt is that my future career will definitely not be a primary teacher.

Halabia Merhi
Year 10A

Valuable points for Hifz Exams

1: Preparation

Everyday revise 2-3 Juzes for manzils and ask your teacher to test you and to inform you of your weak parts.

2: Work on Mutashabihats

Look for your Mutashabihats and work on them, revising them at least 50-60 times.

3: Handle your time and management wisely

Manage your time according to the number of Juzes you have.

Example: Monday: Rubu of weak Juz, Nisf of weak Juz and 1-4 Juzes of strong Juzes, depending on how many days you have to revise before the exams.

Preparation for exams begins from the day you start memorising.

4: a) Exam Day

b) Presentation: However your presentation is very important and remember, don't put too much pressure on yourself but at the same time, don't take it lightly.

c) Salat-ul-Haajjah: Seek help of Allah (S.W.T)

d) Listen to the examiner attentively: If you are not able to understand, then politely ask him to repeat it.

e) Start in a respectable manner: Begin with Istiaatha and Bismillah and start from the beginning of the Ayah and not from, where he finished. With Tajweed and Tarteel.

f) The formula for good presentation is:

A very good start = Aoozu Billah + Bismillah + Tajweed + Tarteel

g) Do not lose your confidence: Read slowly. Make a good cooperation between your mind and your tongue. Continue reading, until you are asked to stop. End your exam with Sadaq Allahul Azim and thank the examiner.

5: Sign and symptoms of the blockage of Ilim and its remedies

For example: The example of blockage of Ilim is like the blockage of water in the pipe. If there is something in its way, the water will not flow. Same goes for Ilim. If you disrespect or are arrogant, then you will not get Ilim. But if you do disrespect;

Here are things you should do:

1. Repent to Allah S.W.T
2. Ask the forgiveness of your teacher
3. Promise not to do it again, or hurt the teacher

There will be less pressure on the Exam day if you follow the points above.

May Allah bless you in this world and the Hereafter!

Mrs. Sateh – Secondary Hifz

Examinations and Test Techniques

By: Cem Huseyin

Students will be sitting for exams / tests next week.

Performance in examinations and tests depends firstly on how much you have **prepared** before and secondly on what you do **during** the exam.

Preparation

It is important to concentrate on the points listed below so you can prepare for tests and examinations properly.

- *Dua'*: Make dua' to Allah for help, making sure that you have prepared as best as you can.
- *Motivation for studying*: You need to develop a positive and motivated attitude to your studies. What mark do you want to get? What are your short-term and long-term goals? Why is it important for Muslims to learn as much as possible? What are the benefits of knowledge?
- *Study timetable and program of study*: Put together a study timetable that includes all the areas of the subject that you will be examined on. Allow for work periods of up to 40 minutes. Include breaks for relaxation and exercise. Give more time to areas of subjects you find more difficult. Stick to the time-table, even if you don't feel like it at the time.
- *Study skills*: Read widely within the subject area. Use the texts. Record important words and make comments and summaries where it will be helpful. Read to understand the meaning. Always have a question in mind and take notes that will help you respond to that question. Re-read class notes and keep them neat and organised. **I was amazed after a class survey of the year 7 & 8 class that some students watch up to 60 hours of TV a week! With a homework (?) program like that, you are not going to do very well, no matter how smart you are! This is where parents can help, inshaAllah.**
- *Study environment*: Your study area should be quiet and comfortable. It should have good lighting, fresh air and should be away from noise and TV. Keep your study area tidy and neat.
- *How can parents help?*: Parents should support and help their children all year round, but especially during exams. They should be more understanding with house chores, especially for the girls. They should show an interest in their child's work, and can help in testing and organising their child's time.

The Exam/Test:

Here are some tips and hints during the exam or test,

- Don't be too nervous. Be prepared and confident and be satisfied that you have tried your best.
- Read all the instructions and questions carefully. It is amazing how many students make errors because they have not understood exactly what the question wants from them.

- Time yourself well and work out how much time to spend on each question.
- Start with the easiest questions first, but don't neglect the more difficult ones. Try to answer every question, even though you may not know much about it.
- With longer or more difficult questions, plan the answer before you start writing.
- If you run out of time, write down the main points of the answer (in point form if you have really run out of time).
- Make sure your handwriting is clear and easily read.
- Check and re-read your work if you have any time left.

Jazakumullahu khayr
Cem

Colour-in Masjid

