

CATEGORY I: KNOWLEDGE & QURAN

Knowledge Tests:

Read one of four books and take a test on it. The test comprises of a set of multiple choice and short answer questions to judge reading, comprehension, and analytical abilities.

Quran Memorization:

Test your memorization and recitation of the Quran in Arabic, according to tajweed (rules of recitation). Level 1 is for beginners, while Levels 2, 3 and 4 re for more advanced competitors.

Quran Recitation:

Test your recitation of the Quran in Arabic, according to Tajweed (Rules of Recitation).

KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Format: In Person

Number of Tests: 3

Knowledge Test books will be made available on the MIST National's website: www.getmistified.com/rulebook.

Registration Guidelines:

1. No more than four (4) students from each team may register for each test, and each student may pick only one test to compete in.
 - a. For example, 4 students may register for the first test, 4 other students may register for the second test, etc.

Procedures:

1. Competitors must achieve a score of 65% or above in order to rank/win a medal.
2. Each student will be given a written test containing possible combinations of multiple choice, short answer, and essay question(s) at the time of the competition. Questions will have an analytical/thinking focus.
 - a. Each test will have a tie breaker question for all students to answer.
 - b. Each test will have a tie breaker question to be marked in the case of a tie occurring.
3. Tests will be open-book and must be taken individually.
4. Students may not bring additional notes into the exam room.
 - a. Students may however, bring the assigned book used to study, into the exam room.
 - b. Annotations within book will not be permitted.
 - c. Students must all have their own book - the sharing of books will not be allowed once testing begins.
 - d. Printouts/photocopies of the materials are permitted, but must be free of any notes.
5. All questions for each topic will be based on the material covered in the assigned book.
6. There is no ballot for this competition. Scores are based solely on test performance.

QUR'AN MEMORIZATION

Format: In-Person

Number of Levels: Four (4)

Registration Guidelines:

1. Each level is treated as a separate competition, and each level is gender segregated. For example, male competitors will register for Brothers Quran Memorization Level 1, and female competitors will register for Sisters Quran Memorization Level 1.
2. Each team may have a maximum of:
 - a. Four (4) male and four (4) female competitors for Level 1
 - b. Two (2) male and two (2) female competitors for Level 2, 3, and 4.
3. If a student has competed in a Quran Memorization Level in the past, they must register for a level higher than previously registered.

Level 1	Surahs 1, 87-114
Level 2	Level 2 Surahs 78-86 (in addition to all the above)
Level 3	Level 3 Surahs 67-78 (in addition to all the above)
Level 4	Level 4 Surahs 36, 55, 56 AND choice of Surah 12, 18, 19, 20 (in addition to all the above)

Procedure

1. Students are expected to memorize the portion of the Quran relevant to their level in Arabic and be able to recite from memory fluently
 - a. Hafs (on the authority of Asim) is the recitation style to be utilized during the tournament.
2. Students may begin with Level 1 material in their first year of competition, but may not repeat the same Level in subsequent years.
3. Judges will prompt students by reading a portion of a verse, and students will be expected to continue the recitation until motioned to stop.
 - a. Judging will be based on three separate passages.
 - b. Passage length will be based on judges discretion.
4. If the student is unable to continue reciting a passage after 5 seconds of silence, the judge may read a word (or few words) to help the student continue reciting.
 - a. If the student repeats the verse before being prompted from a judge and is able to continue reciting without help, no points will be deducted.
 - b. If the judge reminds the student of the beginning of the current verse, which helps the student to start the verse over and continue reciting, only one point should be deducted. If the student is still unable to continue, the judge may remind the student of the next word(s).
 - c. Two points should be deducted each time the judge has to remind the student of the next word(s)
5. If the student is unable to continue reciting a passage from memory after three failed attempts, the judge may ask the student to proceed to the next passage, forfeiting the remaining portion of memorization points for that passage.
6. Judges are expected to wait until the end of a verse or 5 seconds after a mistake (whichever is greater) before signaling the competitor that a mistake was made.
7. If the mistake is corrected by the student immediately (within 5 seconds or before continuing with the next verse) without being prompted in any way by the judge, one point is deducted.

8. After allowing time for a student to self-correct, a judge should audibly tap their pen to indicate a mistake and allow the student a chance to recite the verse once more.
9. If a mistake is not corrected on the second reading of a verse, a judge may recite the correction.
 - a. The student may ask the judge for clarification.
 - b. If the student correctly fixes the mistake by reciting the correction from the judge, three points are deducted.
10. If the competitor is unable to fix the mistake after prompting by the judges, the mistake should be noted on the ballot with 5 points deducted for minor mistakes and 10 points for major mistakes.
 - a. If the mistake is in pronunciation and not in memorization, the mistake should be ignored if it recurs later so that each type of pronunciation mistake is only penalized once.
11. In addition to being scored on the pronunciation (Tajweed) during the recitation of the passages, competitors will also be tested on basic Tajweed rules for the final 10 points.
 - a. Competitors will be indicated to a verse in a copy of the Qur'an and they will be expected to identify as many rules as possible, such as the place of articulation of letters, the respective qualities of letters, nasal sounds, type of elongation (madd), etc.
 - b. Competitors will not be expected to have an extensive knowledge on the laws of Tajweed.

Minor Mistakes

- Heavy vs. Light - To overlook the rules of tafkheem and tarqeeq only when reciting the name of Allah and the letter Ra
- Ghunnah - Not to adhere to the the rules of izhaar, idghaam, iqlaab, ikhfaa, etc. in their respective places
- Prolongation - Not to prolong / stretch a letter when madd is present

Major Mistakes

- Incorrect Makhraj or Sifat - Not to pronounce letters from the correct place of articulation and their respective qualities, including qalqala, etc.
- Addition - To add on letters to words, or add entire words
- Omission - To leave off letters from words, or leave out entire words
- Replacement - To replace a letter for another, or replace entire words
- Change Harakah - To change the fat'ha, dhamma, or kasra
- To replace Harakah with Sukoon and vice versa
- To replace a fat'ha, dhamma, or kasra with a saakin and vice versa

QURAN MEMORIZATION BALLOT

Unable to Continue		Mistakes	
Reminder of beginning of verse from judge	-1 point	Self-correction without being prompted	-1 point
Continuation of verse by judge	-2 points	Self-correction with audible tap	-2 points
Unable to continue at all	-20 points	Self-correction with recitation	-3 points
		Minor mistake not corrected	-5 points
		Major mistake not corrected	-10 points

	Mistakes & Tallies	Subtotal
Passage 1 Memorization		_____ / 20 points
Passage 1 Pronunciation		_____ / 10 points
Passage 2 Memorization		_____ / 20 points
Passage 2 Pronunciation		_____ / 10 points
Passage 3 Memorization		_____ / 20 points
Passage 3 Pronunciation		_____ / 10 points
Tajweed		_____ / 10 points

Total: _____/100 Points

Overall Judges Comments and Feedback

QUR'AN RECITATION

Format: In-Person

Registration Requirements:

1. This is a gender-segregated competition.
 - a. There will be a Brothers Quran recitation and a Sisters Quran recitation
2. Each team/school may have a maximum of four (4) brothers and four (4) sister competitors.

Procedure

1. There are no levels for this competition - the entirety of the Quran is testable material.
2. Judges will tell the competitor where to start the recitation and where to stop.
3. Judging will be based on three separate passages from any part of the Quran.
4. The focus of the competition is Quran recitation and Tajweed, NOT memorization.
5. Competitors will be expected to recite 3 passages live during their interview.
6. Each passage will be about 20 verses long.
7. Colour coded Qurans Qurans with Tajweeed rules listed are not permitted.
8. The interview will include:
 - a. Recitation of up to 3 passages.
 - b. Being scored on not only the pronunciation (Tajweed) during the recitation of the passages, but also tested on basic tajweed rules for the final 10 points.
 - c. The expectation for competitors to be able to identify as many rules as possible, such as the place of articulation of letters, the respective qualities of letters, nasal sounds, type of elongation (Madd) etc. within any verse from the Quran.
 - d. Competitors will not be expected to have extensive knowledge on the laws of Tajweed.

QURAN RECITATION BALLOT

Mistakes	Point Loss
Self-correction	-1 point
Minor mistake not corrected	-5 points
Major mistake not corrected	-10 points

	Mistakes & Tallies	Subtotal
Passage 1 Recitation		____ / 15 points
Passage 1 Tajweed		____ / 15 points
Passage 2 Recitation		____ / 20 points
Passage 2 Tajweed		____ / 15 points
Passage 3 Recitation		____ / 15 points
Passage 3 Tajweed		____ / 15 points
Tajweed		____ / 10 points

Total: ____/100 Points

Overall Judges Comments and Feedback
