

Islam: Beliefs and Practices

Islamic Studies · Answer Key · 30 Questions

1. What is the foundation of Islam and the most important primary teaching for Muslims?

- A) Belief in Angels
- B) Belief in Tawhid**
- C) Belief in the Last Day
- D) Belief in Prophets

2. Which Surah concisely explains the concept of Tawhid?

- A) Surah Al-Baqarah
- B) Surah Al-Ikhlās**
- C) Surah Al-Fatiha
- D) Surah Al-Falaq

3. According to Tawhid, who is the creator, sustainer, cherisher, and sovereign Lord of the universe?

- A) Angels
- B) Prophets
- C) Allah**
- D) Humanity

4. What is the opposite of believing in the oneness of God (tawhid)?

- A) Shirk**
- B) Jihad
- C) Salah
- D) Hajj

5. Which category of shirk refers to believing that others share Allah's Lordship over creation as His equal?

- A) Shirk ul uloohiyah
- B) Shirk Al Asma Was Sifat
- C) Shirk ul ruboobiyah**
- D) Shirk al-Fitnah

6. What is the primary duty of Muslims regarding worship?

- A) To worship Prophets
- B) To worship Angels
- C) To worship Allah alone**
- D) To worship historical figures

7. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of Allah according to Tawhid?

- A) Immortal
- B) All-knowing
- C) Has a son**
- D) All-powerful

8. What is the main purpose of bestowing miracles upon prophets?

- A) To gain personal fame
- B) To show they were divinely appointed**
- C) To entertain people
- D) To prove their strength

9. According to Islamic teachings, what was the common message conveyed by all prophets?

- A) The importance of wealth
- B) The unity of Allah and righteousness**
- C) The superiority of a particular nation
- D) The need for constant warfare

10. Which of the following was NOT a revealed scripture mentioned in the text?

- A) Torah
- B) Psalms
- C) Gospel
- D) The Vedas**

11. What is the primary role of Angel Jibra'il (Gabriel)?

- A) Taking souls
- B) Blowing the trumpet
- C) Bringing revelations from Allah**
- D) Guarding Paradise

12. What is the significance of belief in angels for a Muslim's faith?

- A) It makes faith weaker
- B) It confirms belief in the Quran and Prophet's teachings**
- C) It is optional
- D) It is only for scholars

13. Which angel is responsible for taking the souls of living creatures upon death?

- A) Israfil
- B) Mikail
- C) Izrael (Malik al-Maut)**
- D) Rizwan

14. What is the first blast of the trumpet on the Day of Judgment said to cause?

- A) Resurrection
- B) A great destruction in the universe**
- C) People to be judged
- D) The opening of books of deeds

15. What is Qayamat-e-Sughra?

- A) The Greater Judgment
- B) The Lesser Judgment (in the grave)**
- C) The final end of the world
- D) The resurrection

16. What is the Arabic word for Destiny, referring to what has been destined?

- A) Qadar**
- B) Jihad
- C) Tawhid
- D) Shirk

17. According to the text, what can alter timely destinies?

- A) Arrogance
- B) Blaming destiny
- C) Invocations and good/bad deeds**
- D) Ignoring Allah's will

18. What is the primary purpose of Jihad according to the text?

- A) To gain personal wealth
- B) To spread Islam and suppress evil**
- C) To conquer other nations
- D) To avoid all conflict

19. What is the greatest form of Jihad according to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)?

- A) Mental Jihad
- B) Physical Jihad
- C) Spiritual Jihad (Jihad bil Nafs)**
- D) Jihad by the pen

20. Under what circumstances is armed fighting (jihad bi-l-sayf) permitted in Islam?

- A) For personal revenge
- B) For self-defense, fighting evil/injustice, and when treaties are broken**
- C) To conquer new territories
- D) Whenever a Muslim feels threatened

21. Which of the following is NOT a rule or limitation for armed jihad in Islam?

- A) Civilians should not be harmed
- B) Places of worship should not be demolished
- C) Prisoners of war should be treated cruelly**
- D) Fruit bearing trees should not be cut down

22. According to the text, what is the most important kind of Jihad and why?

- A) Mental Jihad, because it uses intellect
- B) Spiritual Jihad, because it is the greatest form of Jihad
- C) Armed Jihad, because it defends the community**
- D) Jihad by the pen, because it is purer than blood

23. What does the belief in Tawhid instill in Muslims regarding their dependence?

- A) Dependence on wealth
- B) Dependence on others
- C) Dependence on no one but God**
- D) Dependence on luck

24. What is Shirk ul uloohiyah?

- A) Shirk in the existence of God
- B) Shirk in the worship of God**
- C) Shirk in the attributes of God
- D) Shirk in the creation of God

25. Why is belief in the Last Day important for Muslims?

- A) It encourages indulgence in worldly pleasures
- B) It reminds them of accountability and encourages righteousness**
- C) It makes them fear death
- D) It makes them question God's power

26. What is the relationship between belief in God's divine decree and human responsibility?

- A) Humans have no responsibility as everything is predetermined
- B) Humans are solely responsible, and God has no decree
- C) God's decree is known, but humans have free will and are responsible for their choices**
- D) God's decree dictates all actions, leaving no room for human choice

27. Why did Allah reveal different books from time to time?

- A) To confuse people
- B) To gradually guide humanity and complete the message**
- C) Because previous books were flawed
- D) To test people's faith

28. What is the significance of the Quran being the final revealed book?

A) It abrogated all previous scriptures

B) It is only for a specific group

C) It was the first book revealed

D) It is less important than earlier books

29. What is the role of angels in the life of a fetus, according to Muslim belief?

A) They guide the fetus's thoughts

B) They record the fetus's future deeds

C) They breathe life into the fetus and record its destiny

D) They protect the fetus from all harm

30. What does the Quran say about the preservation of its content?

A) It has been altered over time

B) It will be corrupted

C) Allah Himself will guard it from corruption

D) It is only preserved in memory