

**"Indeed, there has come to you a light and a manifest Book from Allah"
(5:15)**

SIXTY QUESTIONS

Questions and Answers for Children

Part I

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In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

ALMIGHTY ALLAH

- Q.1. Who created this world?
A. Almighty Allah created this world.
- Q.2. Who created Allah?
A. He is not created by anyone, because He has always been there.
- Q.3. Where is Allah?
A. He is everywhere.
- Q.4. What is the meaning of tawhid?
A. Tawhid means to believe in One God.
- Q.5. Why did Allah create jinn and mankind?
A. For the sake of ʿibadat and maʿrifat.
- Q.6. What do ʿibadat and maʿrifat mean?
A. ʿibadat means to worship and serve Allah and maʿrifat means His recognition.
- Q.7. Does Allah need to be worshipped by mankind?
A. No. He does not need anything. Rather in worshipping Him, there is the well-being of man himself.
- Q.8. What is a person who does not believe in the existence of Allah called?
A. He who does not believe in Allah is called an infidel (kafir).

Knowledge for ANGEL humanity

- Q.9. What is an angel?
A. Angel is a spiritual creature.
- Q.10. What do the angels do?
A. Angels perform all the spiritual work of Almighty Allah.
- Q.11. How many angels are there and where are they?
A. The angels are countless. Nobody knows their number except Allah and

His chosen servants. They are everywhere in the heaven and the earth.

- Q.12. Can the angels also appear (physically)?
A. Yes, they can also appear (physically) by the command of Allah.
- Q.13. Name some great angels?
A. Jibra'il, Mika'il, Israfil and 'Izra'il (a.s.) are the names of the four great angels.
- Q.14. What special title is given to these angels?
A. They are called the four muqarrab (i.e. close) angels.
- Q.15. What is the special function of these four close angels?
A. Jibra'il (a.s.) is appointed for revelation (wahy) and inspiration (ilham); Mika'il (a.s.) distributes the sustenance; Israfil (a.s.) blows the sur (trumpet) and 'Izra'il (a.s.) seizes souls.
- Q.16. Are there angels even greater than the muqarrab (close) angels?
A. Yes, the Universal Intellect and the Universal Soul are even greater than them.

BOOK OF ALLAH

- Q.17. What is the religious Book of Islam called?
A. The religious Book of Islam is called the Holy Qur'an.
- Q.18. Whose speech is the Holy Qur'an?
A. It is the holy speech of Allah.
- Q.19. Which Messenger received the revelation of the Holy Qur'an?
A. It is revealed to the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (s.a.).
- Q.20. Why did Allah send the Holy Qur'an?
A. He sent it for the guidance of Muslims, rather of all the people of the world.
- Q.21. Who is the real teacher of the Holy Qur'an?
A. The Holy Prophet and the True Imam.
- Q.22. Was any other heavenly Book revealed before the Holy Qur'an?

- A. Yes, several heavenly Books were revealed before the Holy Qur'an.
- Q.23. Name some well-known heavenly Books.
 A. Suhuf of Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.), Tawrat of Hazrat Musa (a.s.), Zabur of Hazrat Dawud (a.s.), Injil of Hazrat ^cIsa (a.s.) and Furqan (Qur'an) of Hazrat Muhammad Rasulu'llah (s.a.).
- Q.24. What should be our belief about the heavenly Books revealed before the Holy Qur'an?
 A. We should believe that all the heavenly Books are from Allah for the guidance of people. But, in the earlier heavenly Books, changes were made, therefore, Allah sent the Qur'an so that all the people may act upon its commands.

RASUL

- Q.25. What is a rasul?
 A. Rasul means a Messenger, namely, that Perfect Man who conveys Almighty Allah's message to the people.
- Q.26. How many Messengers have come to this world?
 A. 124,000 Messengers have come to this world.
- Q.27. Who was the first Messenger to come to this world?
 A. Hazrat Adam (a.s.).
- Q.28. Who is the last Messenger?
 A. Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (s.a.).
- Q.29. Name some well-known Messengers.
 A. Hazrat Adam (a.s.), Hazrat Nuh (a.s.), Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.), Hazrat Musa (a.s.), Hazrat ^cIsa (a.s.) and Hazrat Muhammad (s.a.).
- Q.30. Is there also a Prophet after Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (s.a.)?
 A. No. Not at all. There is neither a Prophet nor a Messenger after the Holy Prophet Muhammad.
- Q.31. Does a messenger come to a Messenger also?
 A. Yes, in the beginning, Hazrat Jibra'il comes to every Messenger as the messenger of Almighty Allah.
- Q.32. Have there been more than one Messenger at the same time?
 A. Yes, as there were Hazrat Ibrahim (a.s.) and Hazrat Lut (a.s.) at the same

time.

IMAM

- Q.33. What is the means of guidance for the people after the demise of the Holy Prophet?
A. The Holy Qur'an and the True Imam (a.s.).
- Q.34. Is the Imam always present and living in this world?
A. Yes, the Imam is always present and living in this world, but, before the Holy Prophet Muhammad, the function of Imamatus was hidden.
- Q.35. If the above is true, tell us who was the Imam in the time of Hazrat Adam (a.s.) and who was the Imam in the time of Hazrat Nuh (a.s.)?
A. In the time of Hazrat Adam (a.s.), the Imam was Mawlana Shith and in the time of Hazrat Nuh (a.s.), the Imam was Mawlana Sam.
- Q.36. Is the Imam appointed by Almighty Allah and His Messenger, or by the people?
A. The Imam is always appointed by Almighty Allah and His Messenger.
- Q.37. Does an heavenly Book also reveal to the Imam (a.s.)?
A. In the cycle of Imamatus, the revelation of an heavenly Book is unnecessary.
- Q.38. Is the Imam responsible to guide all the people of the world?
A. No. He is responsible to guide only those who have accepted his Imamatus. As for the rest, he is the Proof (of Allah) against them that they rejected his Imamatus.
- Q.39. Is obedience to the Imam of the time necessary?
A. Yes, the obedience to the Imam of the time is necessary and obligatory, because the Holy Qur'an says: "O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those who possess the command (of Allah) from among you." (4:59). Those who possess the command (of Allah) are the Imams in different ages.
- Q.40. Who is your present Imam?
A. Our present Imam is Hazrat Mawlana Shah Karim al-Husayni (s.a.).

MISCELLANEOUS

- Q.41. What is ta^ʿawwudh (seeking refuge)?
A. A^ʿudhu bi'llahi mina'sh-shaytani'r-rajim (i.e. I seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Satan).
- Q.42. Recite the tasmiyyah.
A. Bismi'llahi'r-rahmani'r-rahim.
- Q.43. What is Kalimah-i tayyibah (Article of purification)?
A. La ilaha illa'llahu Muhammadu'r-rasulu'llah.
- Q.44. What is the name of your religion (din)?
A. The name of my religion is Islam.
- Q.45. What is the name of your tariqah?
A. The name of my tariqah is Ismailism.
- Q.46. As a believer in Islam, how are you called?
A. I am a Muslim.
- Q.47. As a believer in Ismailism, how are you called?
A. I am an Ismaili.
- Q.48. Name the five Holy Persons (panj-tan-i pak).
A. Hazrat-i Muhammad Mustafa, Hazrat-i ^ʿAli Murtada, Hazrat-i Fatimah-i Zahra', Hazrat-i Hasan and Hazrat-i Husayn (a.s.).
- Q.49. Recite la fata.
A. La fata illa ^ʿAli la sayfa illa Dhu'l-fiqar. (i.e. There is no Ideal Man except ^ʿAli and no ideal sword except Dhu'l-fiqar).
- Q.50. As Muslims what should be our greeting?
A. As-salamu ^ʿAlaykum (Peace be upon you).
- Q.51. What should be the response?
A. Wa ^ʿalaykumu's-salam or wa ^ʿalaykumu's-salamu wa rahmatu'llahi wa barakatuh (And peace be upon you or peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings).
- Q.52. As Ismailis, how should we greet each other?
A. Ya ^ʿAli madad.
- Q.53. What should be the response?

- A. Mawla ʿAli madad.
- Q.54. Does the farman of the Imam of the time contain the wisdom of the Wise Qur'an?
- A. Yes, every farman of the Imam of the time is full of the wisdoms of the Wise Qur'an.
- Q.55. Recite the Kalimah-i shahadah (Article of testifying).
- A. Ashhadu alla (an la) ilaha illa'llahu wahdahu la sharika lahu wa ashhadu anna Muahammadan ʿabduhu wa rasuluh. (i.e. I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, Who is alone and has no partner and I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger).
- Q.56. Is it correct to say that the Imam of the time is light?
- A. Yes, the Imam of the time is the light of the guidance of Allah.
- Q.57. How does Allah guide mankind?
- A. Through the Messengers and the Imams.
- Q.58. In what language is the Holy Qur'an?
- A. The Holy Qur'an is in the Arabic language.
- Q.59. Who can teach the reality of the Holy Qur'an?
- A. The Imam of the time can teach the reality of the Holy Qur'an.
- Q.60. How can we attain the reality of the Holy Qur'an from the Imam of the time?
- A. Through the true obedience of the Imam of the time.

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Abbreviations:

a.s. ʿalayhi's-salam or ʿalayhumu's-salam

s.a. salla'llahu ʿalayhi wa alihi wa sallam or salawatu'llahi ʿalayhi