





1-What is the Noble Qur'an?

The Noble Qur'an is the speech (kalam) of Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, which He revealed and sent down to His Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, to guide people to the straight and right path. It reached us by Mutawaatir transmissions (i.e. transmitted and reported by a large number of trustworthy people). It is preserved against distortion and change. Allah Almighty Says (what means): *{Indeed, it is We who sent down the message [i.e., the Qur'an], and indeed,We will be its guardian.}* [Al-Hijr, 15:9]



2-What are the main themes of the Noble Qur'an?

Allah has revealed in the Noble Qur'an the stories of the previous nations, the creation of heavens and earths, the laws of acts of worship and relationships among people, what is permissible (halal) and what is prohibited (haram), ethics, legislations, transactions, biographies of Prophets and righteous people, the rewards of believers and the punishments of disbelievers, the description of Paradise (Al-Jannah) and Hellfire.

The Noble Qur'an illustrates the names and attributes of Allah and His creatures. It guides us to believe in Allah, His Angels, His Messengers, His Books and the Last Day.

The Noble Qur'an also clarified what will happen in the Day of Judgment and the stages of the Hereafter (after death); Resurrection, Al-Hashr (gathering), Al-Hisab (reckoning), description of the Pond, the Sirat, the Scale, and the scene of assembling all of mankind in the land of gathering. The Noble Qur'an also urges to contemplate the universe and the verses of the Holy Quran.



3-How was the Qur'an revealed to the Prophet?

Allah Almighty has revealed it to Angel Jibreel (Gabriel) who brought it down to Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).





4-How long did it take for the Qur'an to be completely revealed?

The Noble Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) over a period of approximately 23 years.





5-Which verses of the Qur'an were first revealed to Prophet Muhammad?

The very first verses of surah Al-Alaq: Allah The Almighty Says (what means): {Recite in the name of your Lord who Created. Created man from a clinging substance. Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous. Who taught by the pen .Taught man that which he knew not.}





6-When was the Qur'an first revealed?

It was revealed on the 27th night of Ramadan





7-Where were the first verses of the Qur'an revealed?

In the cave of Hiraa in Makkah





8-How many surahs (chapters) are there in the Holy Qur'an?

There are 114 surahs (86 Makki Surahs and 28 Madani Surahs).





9-What is the difference between Madani and Makki Surahs?

Makki Surahs were revealed before Hijrah (emigration) while Madani Surahs were revealed after Hijrah.





10-Where was Surah Al-Fatihah revealed?

It was revealed in Makkah.





11-How many Juz' (parts) and Hizbs (half of a Juz') are there in the Noble Qur'an?

There are 30 Juz' and 60 Hizbs.





12-How many Sajdahs (prostrations) are there in the Qur'an?

There are 14 Sajdahs (prostrations) in the chapters of the Qur'an.





13-What is the greatest surah of the Qur'an?

The greatest surah of the Qur'an is Surah Al-Fatihah.





14-What is the greatest Ayah (verse) in the Qur'an?

Verse of the Throne (Ayat Al-Kursi) is the greatest verse in the Qur'an.





15-Was the Qur'an compiled in One Mushaf (one book) during the lifetime of Prophet Muhammad?

The Qur'an was not compiled in one written form (Mushaf) during the lifetime of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, but it was scattered in the memories of the Companions and in writing on various materials.



16-On whose order was the Qur'an compiled in One Mushaf?

After the death of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, 'Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (may Allah be pleased with him) went to the Caliph, Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him), and discussed the idea of compiling the whole Qur'an into one volume in order to avoid the loss of its content, as most of those who memorized it had died.





17-Who named the surahs of the Qur'an?

The names of all of the surahs of the Qur'an are proven to be from the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and they are the matter of Tawqeef [i.e., they can only be known through divine Revelation and sound texts of hadith, with no room for ijtihad].



Exercise

Answer the following questions: Which is the longest Surah (Chapter) in the Qur'an? Surah Al-Baqarah (286 verses).

Which is the shortest Surah in the Qur'an? Surah Al-Kawthar (3 verses).

Which is the Surah that does start without Basmalah (Bismillaahi Ar-Rahmaani Ar-Raheem –In the Name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful)? Surah Al-Tawbah or Bara'ah.

Which Surahs in the Qur'an are named after the Prophets? Yunus (Jonah), Hud, Yusuf (Joseph), Ibraheem (Abraham), Ta-Ha, Muhammad, Nuh (Noah).

Which Surah is named after one of the five Pillars of Islam? Surah Al-Hajj (The Pilgrimage).

Which Surah is named after a woman? Surah Maryam (Mary).

Which Surah is named after one of the days of the week? Surah al-Jumu'ah (Friday).

Which Surahs are named after times of prayer? Surah Al-Fajr (The Dawn) and Surah Al-'Asr (Time).

