

BTG Islamic Personal Obligatory Knowledge Seminars

ensuring the personal obligatory knowledge of the religion

The following questions are obtained from “*the joy of the eyes*”. If you can answer can all of these with the supporting evidences from al-Quran, the Prophetic sayings and traditions or ijma[^] of the scholars of Islam then attending our courses will only be some revision for you. Remember, each question should be answered with a supporting evidence and reasoning.

- (1) What is the personal obligatory knowledge (fard [^]ayn) of the religion?
- (2) Who is the accountable person that should enter al-Islam and follow its laws?
- (3) What is the meaning of the author’s words “and to comply with what is obligatory upon them of its rules” or “and follow the rules of Islam.”
- (4) Clarify the highest of duties and the most precedented of them with Allah.
- (5) Clarify the precedence of the knowledge of Tawhīd over the others amongst the sciences.
- (6) Is it a condition to say the exact words as in “أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وأشهد أن محمداً رسول الله” to enter al-Islam?
- (7) Mention a proof of the existence of Allah.
- (8) What is the general meaning of “أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله”?
- (9) What is the meaning of “الواحد” (Wahid) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (10) What is the meaning of “الأحد” (‘Ahad)?
- (11) What is the meaning of “الأول” (‘Awwal) and “القديم” (Qadim) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (12) What is the meaning of “الحي” (Hayy) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (13) What is the meaning of “القيوم” (Qayyum) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (14) What is the meaning of “الدائم” (Da’im) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (15) What is the meaning of “الخالق” (Khaliq)?
- (16) What is the meaning of “الرازق” (‘Raziq) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (17) What is the meaning of “العالم” (‘Alim) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (18) What is the meaning of “القدير” (Hayy) in the context of Allah’s attributes?
- (19) Clarify the types of rational judgement. [i.e. the rationally required, impossible and possible/ permitted existences.]
- (20) What does it mean that Allah is “the One Who does whatever He wills”?
- (21) Provide a brief explanation of the saying of “ما شاء الله كان وما لم يشأ لم يكن” or “whatever Allah willed to be shall be and whatever Allah did not will to be shall not be”
- (22) What is the meaning of “لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله” or “There is no ability and no power except with Allah”? -- [NB: this translated meaning is not the complete meaning, the complete meaning is contained within your notes!]

- (23) What is the meaning of the statement that Allah “is attributed with *all proper* perfection”? [i.e. characteristics of perfection that befit Allah. Provide examples of attributes of perfection befitting unto Allah but not the creation and vice versa etc.]
- (24) Discuss the statement that Allah is “clear of all imperfection”.
- (25) What is the meaning of the verse “ليس كمثلہ شيء” (Shura:11) or “There is nothing like Him”. [Consider the statements of Imām Abu Ja’far al-Tahawiyy and Dhun-nun al-Misriyy.]
- (26) Speak about the statement “and He is attributed with Hearing and Sight”.
- (27) Speak about the author’s statement “Allah exists without a beginning and everything else exists with a beginning; He is the Creator and everything else is a creation”.
- (28) Speak about Allah’s attribute of **speech**. [Consider the statements of Imam Abu Hanifah in al-Fiqh al-Absat and the verse of the Qur’ān mention in question 25 above].
- (29) Speak about the author’s statement “He, the Exalted, is unlike all the creations in the Self (dhat), Attributes, and Actions”.
- (30) What does the author’s statement “Subhanahu wa ta’ala, He is greatly clear of all what the blasphemers say” mean? [Consider the meaning of Subhanahu wa ta’ala]
- (31) The scholars of Islam have stated that one is required to know thirteen attributes of Allah. What are these attributes?
- (32) Speak about the eternity of the attributes of Allah.
- (33) What is the meaning of “أشهد أن محمداً رسول الله”?
- (34) Mention part of the lineage of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). [Include the places of birth, upbringing, death and burial]
- (35) Explain the author’s statement in the meaning of the second testification of faith; “and he was truthful in everything he told about and conveyed from Allah.”
- (36) Speak about the punishment of the grave.
- (37) Speak about the blessings of the grave.
- (38) Speak about the questioning of the two angels Munkar and Nakir.
- (39) Speak about the resurrection (Ba’th).
- (40) Speak about the gathering (Hashr).
- (41) Speak about the Day of Judgement (Qiyamah).
- (42) Speak about the presentation of the deeds (Hisab).
- (43) What is the meaning of the *reward* (Thawab) and the *punishment* (^Adhab)?
- (44) Speak about the Balance/Scale (Mizan).
- (45) Speak about the Hellfire (Nar).
- (46) Speak about the Bridge (Sirat).
- (47) Speak about the Basin (Hawd).
- (48) Speak about the Intercession (Shafa’ah).
- (49) Speak about the Paradise (Jannah).
- (50) Speak about seeing Allah with the eye in the Hereafter.
- (51) Speak about the belief in the angels.
- (52) Speak about the belief in the messengers/prophets. [Who was the first and who was the last?]
- (53) What is the difference between a Prophet who is a Messenger and a Prophet who is not a Messenger?

- (54) Speak about the belief in the Revealed Books.
- (55) Speak about the Destiny (of both good and evil).
- (56) Speak about some of the matters relating to the Prophethood of Muhammad (pbuh).
- (57) Speak about some of the required attributes when describing the Prophets.
- (58) Speak about some of the characteristics that do not befit the Prophets of Allah.
- (59) Speak about the meaning of verse 63 in Chapter Anbiya' (The Prophets), concerning the story of Ibrahim. [This was covered in Sh. Farouk's Lecture].
- (60) What is the meaning of Prophet Ibrahim's saying in verse 78 of Chapter 'An'am stating "This is my Lord"?
- (61) What is the meaning of what Allah mentioned in the Chapter of Yusuf, concerning Prophet Yusuf and the king's wife? [This concerns verse 24 of Chapter Yusuf, the answer should include a reference to verse 51 of the Chapter of Yusuf].
- (62) What is the meaning of the word "Ni^aaj" as used in Chapter Sād, verse 23?

Apostasy

- (63) What is the meaning of apostasy and how many categories is it composed of?
- (64) Provide a proof from the Prophetic sayings that one may not use "ignorance" or "not knowing the judgement" as an excuse from committing apostasy.
- (65) Mention a proof from the Qur'an that the mocking of Allah and His messenger(s) is blasphemy.
- (66) Mention a scholar that conveyed the consensus that insulting Allah is blasphemy.
- (67) Mention one of the scholars who conveyed the consensus that whoever utters, or his physical action commits blasphemy (imitates the blasphemers) is a blasphemer.
- (68) What is the ruling regarding the denial of the obligatory knowledge?
- (69) Into how many parts have the Ulema divided words (in general) we utter and explain the meaning of that.
- (70) What is required of the person that commits apostasy?
- (71) What is the Islamic Ruler's duty in respect of the person who has committed apostasy and refuses to return to Islam?
- (72) Mention some of the rules regarding apostasy.
- (73) Speak about the compulsory rituals and who should perform it.
- (74) What should one do with a person who does not perform the compulsory rituals?
- (75) Speak about the prohibitions.
- (76) What is the prohibited and what is the required?
- (77) Provide examples of some blasphemous beliefs.
- (78) Provide examples of some blasphemous actions.
- (79) Provide examples of some blasphemous sayings.
- (80) Mention the sayings of a respected scholar who said that apostasy is divided into 3 parts – beliefs, actions and sayings. [Imām al-Nawawiyy, quote the books]