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Major Themes of the Quran

1 The following passages from the Qur'an, and:

(a) briefly describe the main theme(s) in each passage [4]

(b) briefly explain the importance of these themes in a Muslim's life today. [4]

1. Sura 2.255

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

Allah. There is no god but He, the living, the self-subsisting, eternal. No slumber can seize Him nor sleep. His are all things in the heavens and on earth. Who is there can intercede in His presence except as He permits? He knows what is before or after or behind them. Nor shall they compass any of His knowledge except as He wills. His Throne extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them for He is the Most High, the Supreme.

2. Sura 6.101–103

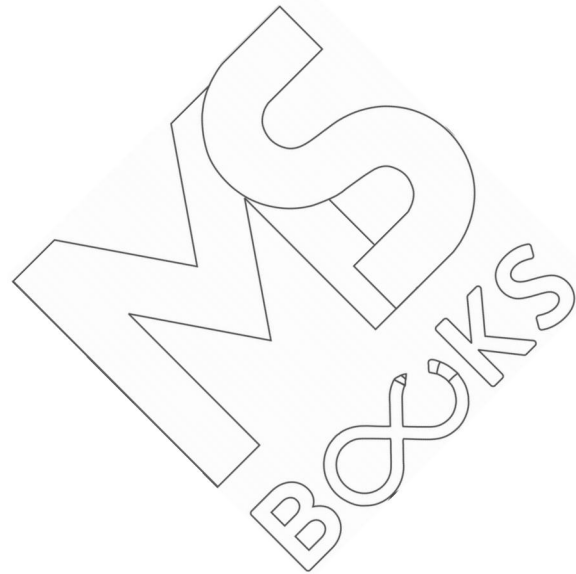
بَدِيعُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ صَاحِبَةً وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَاعْبُدُوهُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ

لَا تُدْرِكُهُ الْأَبْصَارُ وَهُوَ يُدْرِكُ الْأَبْصَارَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ

101. To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth: how can He have a son when He has no consort? He created all things, and He has full knowledge of all things. 102. That is Allah, your Lord! there is no god but He, the Creator of all things: then worship Him: and He has power to dispose of all affairs.

103. No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision: He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things.



2 The following passages from the Qur'an, and:

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3. Sura 41.37

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنْتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

37. Among His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Adore not the sun and the moon, but adore Allah, who created them, if it is Him you wish to serve.

4. Sura 42.4-5

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

تَكَادُ السَّمَاوَاتُ يَنْفَطِرْنَ مِنْ فَوْقِهِنَّ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَلَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

4. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: and He is most high, most great. 5. The heavens are almost rent asunder from above them, and the angels celebrate the praises of their Lord, and pray for forgiveness for beings on earth: Behold! Verily Allah is He, the oft-forgiving, the most merciful.

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3 The following passages from the Qur'an, and:

(a) briefly describe the main theme(s) in each passage [4]

(b) briefly explain the importance of these themes in a Muslim's life today. [4]

5. Sura 112

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

1. Say: He is Allah, the one and only; 2. Allah, the eternal, absolute; 3. He does not beget, nor is He begotten; 4. And there is none like Him.

Allah's relationship with the created world

6. Sura 1

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

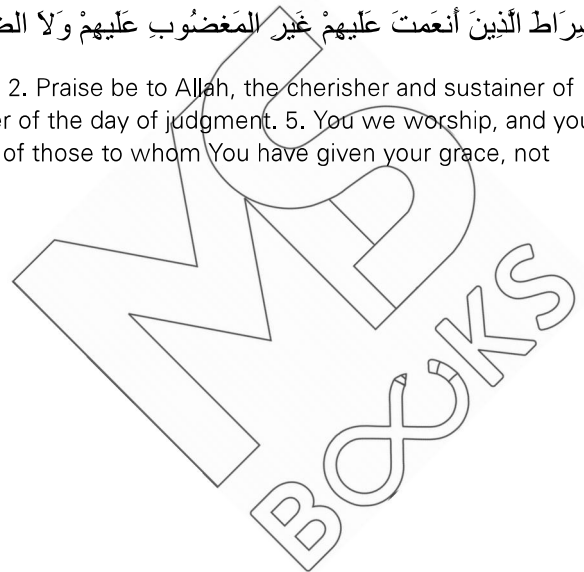
مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

1. In the name of Allah, most gracious, most merciful. 2. Praise be to Allah, the cherisher and sustainer of the worlds; 3. Most gracious, most merciful; 4. Master of the day of judgment. 5. You we worship, and your aid we seek. 6. Show us the straight way, 7. The way of those to whom You have given your grace, not those who earn your anger, nor those who go astray.



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1. (a) What are the main teachings?

(2) Sura 2:255

This passage talks about *tawhid* and some of the attributes specific to God alone. Candidates could talk about how God is different to humans. The theme of the throne is central to this passage. Candidates could say what that is; His majesty, uniqueness, being totally unlike other beings. It emphasises how He is the only one who can make decisions about His creation, as He has knowledge over all things.

(b) The importance of these passages in a Muslims' life today.

(2) Sura 2.255

Candidates could talk about how these passages present the themes of God's self-subsistence by comparing Him to humans using basic attributes that affect humans, e.g. sleep. Candidates could talk about how these verses allow Muslims to learn and understand something about God in a way relevant to them. It is a passage that is also used as a prayer for protection and was said by the Prophet to be one of the best passages of the Qur'an.

2. (a) What are the main themes?

(1) Sura 6.101–103

Good answers to this passage will talk about God's power and knowledge over all things. He is the only one to control the heavens and the earth and so emphasises the theme of *tawhid*; His being alone and unique. Candidates could talk about the importance of God being the only creator, not sharing authority with anyone else. He has knowledge about all His creation, and He has power over all His creation. He is not perceivable and humankind should worship Him.

(b) The importance of these themes.

(1) Sura 6.101-103

Candidates could mention that God's oneness tells Muslims not to ascribe partners to Him, or worship anything else; better candidates could give examples relevant to Muslims' lives about not worshipping others, whether it's idols, shrines or people. His power over all affairs, tells Muslims that He is the only one who gives provisions and protection. God is All-Seeing so they should remember that in all their actions, e.g. being honest in all their work or in the way they treat other people.

3. (a) What are the main themes?

(2) Sura 41.37

This passage shows the signs of God and His created order; it is about God's relationship with creation. He has power to create and control everything. Good answers will talk about God creating and controlling things in nature, things that benefit mankind. It is Him alone that should be obeyed.

(b) The importance of these themes.

(2) Sura 41.37

Candidates could mention that although the sun and moon are signs of wonder and awe, they are there to remind Muslims to worship their Creator, not creation. They could also say that the verse reminds Muslims to worship Him if they are sincere in their goal to serve Him. Muslims should remember Him when they see these signs in creation, by praying, supplicating or doing good actions, etc., which are a link between humans and God.

4. (a) What are the main themes?

(1) Sura 42.4–5

This passage is about God's power over all things as everything in creation belongs to Him. Answers to this sura could include God's control of all things He's created. They could also elaborate and mention God's forgiveness and mercy (despite Him being unapproachable). There's the contrast of God and things in creation.

(b) The importance of these themes.

(1) Sura 42.4–5

Candidates could mention that God tells mankind of his power and control over all things and that they should remember that they do not have any power in comparison. Good candidates could mention that despite His authority, God is telling man about the significance of the angels praying for beings on the earth and how this is a reflection of His mercy. Muslims in turn should be grateful and also try to be forgiving of others.

5. (a) What are the main themes?

(3) Sura 112

Good answers to this passage will talk about God's unique characteristics which are central to Islam. Candidates can talk about *tawhid*, and elaborate on its importance. They could also talk about God being eternal and absolute and elaborate on what the meaning of these words are. God is unique in that no-one else can match His attributes, and there is no-one like Him, which is related to the fact that He has no children or family.

(b) The importance of these themes.

(3) Sura 112

This sura is important as it is used to show the central theme of Islam, *tawhid*, in a concise way. Candidates should talk about how the words used in this passage tell Muslims about God's uniqueness. There are other passages in the Qur'an that mention these same themes but this one is considered to be the most significant due to the importance the Prophet gave to it (being one third of the Qur'an). Therefore Muslims recite it abundantly.

6. (a) What are the main themes?

(2) Sura 1

Answers for this sura could talk about God's graciousness and mercy, that He is master of the worlds (known and unknown) as well as master of the Day of Judgement. They could also mention why only He should be asked for help (e.g., He gives guidance which stops them from going astray).

(b) The importance of these themes.

(2) Sura 1

These teachings show the relationship between God and humans, and so candidates should talk about this relationship. Candidates could talk about how Muslims should obey God's will. He is there to help when He is asked. Muslims use this passage for help/guidance and as a prayer. His guidance is mainly shown through the Qur'an and sunna. It makes Muslims realise they are accountable to God and so pray to be guided and kept on the straight path.