

Glossary of Islamic Terms Part I

Test on: _____
1 –12 only

1. **Adhan**
The islamic call to prayer

2. **Al-Qadr**
Destiny, divine decree, fate; one of the basic beliefs in Islam

3. **Allah**
The name of Almighty God; it connotes neither gender not plurality

4. **Allahu Akbar**
“God is Great”

5. **Ashura**
Tenth day of the Islamic month of Muharram; observed by Shi’a Muslims as a day of mourning

6. **Asr**
The mid-afternoon prayer

7. **Assalaamu ‘alaykum**
The standard Muslim greeting, “peace be upon you”

8. **Badr**
A famous battle of early Islamic history in which the small Muslim army successfully defended itself against an attacking force several times its size.

9. **Bismillah**
“In the name of Allah”

10. **Caliph**
A leader of the Muslim community; Khalifa

11. **Da’wah**
Calling others to Islam

12. **Deen**
A way of life; living in accordance with one’s faith

Glossary of Islamic Terms Part II

Test on: _____
13 –24 only

13. **Dhuhr**
The noon prayer

14. **Dhul-Hajjah**
The month of pilgrimage; the twelfth month in the Islamic calendar

15. **Hijab**
A common term for the headcovering worn by Muslim women

16. **Hira’**
The cave near Mecca where Muhammad received his first revelation

17. **Iblis**
Satan; also called Shaytan

18. **Ihram**
The simple white clothes that Muslims wear during the Hajj

19. **Imam**
The leader of Muslim prayers

20. **Injeel**
The revelations that were given to the Prophet Jesus

21. **Insha’Allah**
“God willing,” a phrase that Muslims add to any discussion of future events

22. **‘Isha**
The late-evening prayer

23. **Islam**
Muslim faith; term is derived from a root word meaning “peace” and “submission” to God

24. **Jihad**
The “struggle” to defend one’s faith in the face of opposition

Glossary of Islamic Terms Part III

Test on: _____
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25. **Jinn**
A community of unseen beings that Allah created from fire; Satan is one of them
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26. **Ka'aba**
The structure in the center of Mecca, toward which Muslims face when praying
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27. **Kafir**
“rejecter of faith”; a non-Muslim
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28. **Khutbah**
A sermon given during Friday prayers
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29. **La ilaha illa Allah wa Muhammad ar-rasulullah**
“There is no god worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger”
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30. **Madrasah**
Islamic school
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31. **Maghrib**
The sunset prayer
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32. **Masjed**
Mosque; Islamic house of worship
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33. **Mu'adhin**
Person who calls the Muslims to prayer
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34. **Muslim**
A person who willingly submits to Allah
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35. **Qiblah**
The direction in which Muslims face when they are praying
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36. **Qur'an**
The sacred revelation given to Muhammad; the holy book of Muslims

Glossary of Islamic Terms Part IV

Test on: _____
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37. **Ramadan**
The month of fasting; ninth month of the Islamic calendar
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38. **Rusul**
Messengers or prophets of God
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39. **Salaat**
The five formal daily prayers
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40. **Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam**
“Peace be upon him,” a phrase that is used to show respect to God’s prophets
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41. **Shaheed** A martyr, literally “witness”
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42. **Shari'ah** Islamic law derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah
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43. **Shi'a**
Those who believe that leadership of the Muslim community should have remained in Muhammad’s family, approximately 15 percent of Muslims worldwide today
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44. **Shirk** The sin of associating others with Allah
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45. **Sunni**
Those who believe that leadership of the Muslim community was properly transferred to the most qualified and trustworthy person; approximately 85 percent of Muslims today
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46. **Uhud**
A famous battle of early Islamic history that brought a painful defeat for the small Muslim community
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47. **Zabur**
The “Psalms” revealed to the Prophet David.
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48. **Zakat**
Required alms, paid at the rate of 2.5 percent of accumulated wealth