



Manar al Huda Qur'an Competition

28th - 30th

JUNE

2024

INFORMATION PACK

IMPORTANT DATES AND REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees: £5 for under 15, £10 for 16+

Registration is open until **10th APRIL 2024, 23:59 hrs**

Please note: Any registrations after this date will have to pay a penalty of £10 + registration fees.

Cancellation deadline: 20th MAY 2024, 23:59 HRS

Any cancellations before 20th May are refundable, not refundable after (but please let us know for logistical purposes)

Competition dates: 28th JUNE 2024 TO 30th JUNE 2024

Closing ceremony and awards: **30th JUNE 2024**

Register at: <https://forms.gle/jdtsUKmVH8DtCorn9>

Payment link: <https://www.hyderi.org.uk/event/manar-al-huda-quran-competition-2/>

CATEGORIES

Under 5 years – Hifdh only

5-7 years – Hifdh only

8-11 years – Open Recitation and Hifdh

12-15 years – Open Recitation, Hifdh and Tafseer

16-39 years – Open Recitation and Hifdh

40+ - Open Recitation and Hifdh

16+ - Tafseer

Individuals can enter one or more categories within their own age group.

Under 5 years

Hifdh: Surah Infitaar (82)

5-7 years

Hifdh: Surah Inshiqaq (84)

8-11 years

Open Recitation: Surah Muhammad (47) and Surah Al-Hashr (59)

Hifdh: Surah Muttaffifeen (83)

12-15 years

Open Recitation: Anywhere from 25th to 28th Juz inclusive

Hifdh: Surah Dahr (76)

16-39 years

Open Recitation: Anywhere in the Qur'an

Hifdh: Surah Ma'arij (70)

40+ years

Open Recitation: Anywhere in the Qur'an

Hifdh: Surah Waaqi'ah (56)

Tafseer:

12-15 years:

Hypocrisy

1. Surah Nisa [4:137-141]
2. Surah Nisa [4:142-146]
3. Surah Tawba [9:74-78]
4. Surah Baqarah [2:8-18]
5. Surah Munafiqoon [63:1-6]

16+ years:

Metaphors in the Qur'an

Surah Baqarah [2:26], Surah Ibrahim [14:24], Surah Ibrahim [14:26], Surah Ankaboot [29:41], Surah A'raf [7:179], Surah Nur [24:35], Surah Nur [24:39-40], Surah Fath [48:29], Surah Hadid [57:20], Surah A'raf [7:176], Surah An'am [6:5], Surah Baqarah [2:261]

GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPETITION

Open Qur'an Recitation:

Under 16

Participants will have been given chapters or verses to prepare prior to the competition. On the day of the competition, participants will be asked to recite either a selection or the multiple chapters that they have prepared. For smaller chapters, they may be asked to recite the entire chapter. The selections will be randomly chosen on the day.

16+

The participant will be required to recite a selection from any part of the Holy Qur'an which has been randomly selected. Prior to this, the participant would be unaware of the sections they will be reciting. Depending on the speed and quality of the recitation the judges will decide how much the participant would recite, up to a maximum of 2 pages (Uthman Taha script).

Hifdh (All Ages)

The participant is expected to memorise all the chapters given. On the day, the participant will be asked to recite from separate areas from anywhere in their surahs. This may not be from the beginning of the surah. For smaller surahs, participants may be expected to complete recitation of the entire surah. Where judges would like to test on part of a surah, they will initiate by reciting a verse or the end of a previous verse, and the participant is then expected to continue. **For extra marks, participants can give a 1-minute explanation about the surah after their recitation.**

Tafseer (all ages)

Participants will be given verses to research and prepare for in advance. They are able to use any reference material to prepare as long as they are able to quote the source of their research if asked. Recommended tafseer references are provided later in this information pack.

Tafseer 12-15

As can be seen previously, for this age group, 5 series of verses have been provided for them to research. On the day, each participant will be given an allocated time to provide a general explanation of 2 series of verses (from the allocated verses). One of these will be randomly selected and one can be chosen by the participant. For each series of verses, the judges will then question the participant based on the general explanation they presented. Participants will be expected to comment on all verses in the series chosen. Participants can quote and refer to a tafseer in any language. Participants will have access to a copy of the Arabic Holy Qur'an for reference.

Tafseer 16+

On the day, each participant will be given an allocated time to provide a general explanation of 2 verses (from the allocated 12 verses). One of these verses will be randomly selected and one can be chosen by the participant. For each verse, the judges will then question the participant based on the general explanation they presented. Participants can quote and refer to a tafseer in any language. Participants will have access to a copy of the Arabic Holy Qur'an for reference.

GENERAL MARK SCHEMES FOR REFERENCE

Hifdh and Open Recitation

1. Accuracy e.g. is the recitation correct/incorrect
2. Fluency - pace of recitation, continuity of recitation, stopping and pausing at appropriate places and breath control
3. Makhaarij - correct pronunciation of letters and words
4. Rules of Tajweed
5. Lahn - style of recitation

The judging criteria for the Hifdh category will include all of the above but more emphasis will be placed on the memory/memorisation of the participant.

Bonus marks will also be provided to those to give an explanation of the Surah of memorisation.

General Tafseer Marking Guide

1. General understanding of the verse/surah (e.g. historical background)
2. Cross referencing (e.g. other verses, tafaseer, Hadith, interfaith views)
3. Clarity of explanation
4. Ability to answer questions
5. Lessons learnt and implementation

COMPETITION RULES

Dress Code:

- Male: Khanzu/Dish Dashe/thobe, (topi recommended)
- Female: Loose Chadar/Abaya with modest head covering (maqnah, scarf or sheila)

Please note: Good Akhlaq is expected from all participants at all times. Anyone not following the dress code above will have marks deducted from their final result.

The Organisers/Judges

- Will carry out a brief on the rules and the marking system before the competition.
- The judges' decision will be final, with no appeal.
- They will judge every aspect very critically and they will maintain impartiality.
- The judges may be male or female. Participants will not be able to request to be assessed by a particular judge. For the Open Recitation and Hifdh categories, we will ensure that all male participants are judged by male judges and female participants by female judges.

The Competition

- ◆ The competition will take place in public where the participant shall recite in front of the judges. Other participants, spectators and the MHQC team members may also be present.
- ◆ As part of the registration process, participants can opt out of being photographed or being on video. If participants want to request no live streaming, this needs to be requested.
- ◆ The competition dates and times may change depending on unforeseen circumstances.
- ◆ Participants are only allowed to compete in their age group (based on their age on the date of the competition).
- ◆ If participants of the tafseer category prefer to present in another language, this needs to be requested during the registration process. All

efforts to accommodate requests will be made but may not always be possible.

- ◆ Copies of the Mus'haf (Qur'an) shall be provided to the participants to be used during the competition. Please note: Participants will be able to choose either the Uthman Taha or IndoPakistani print and will NOT be colour coded.

MHQC organizers reserve the right to dismiss, cancel and/or disqualify any participant without liability at any time, with immediate effect; this includes, but is not limited to, any participant who tampers with the operation of the competition or competition site or violates the terms and conditions, or any other applicable laws and regulations.

GENERAL REFERENCES

The Enlightening Commentary by Sayyid Kamal Faqih Imami and group of scholars – can be found on al-islam.org by typing enlightening commentary in search bar.

Link to first volume - <https://www.al-islam.org/enlightening-commentary-lightholy-quran-vol-1>

Also available in Qur'an Hadi app on Apple and Android

Tafseer by Aqa Mahdi Pooya/Mir Ahmed Ali - <https://quran.al-islam.org>

Tafseer al-Mizan.

Available partial at <https://almizan.org> or by searching mizan on al-islam.org

Tafseer Nemouneh/Amthal of Ayatollah Nasir Makarem Shirazi has been translated but is not available online and scarcely available in bookshops. Available in Arabic online and on the Qur'an Hadi Arabi app.

Tafsir Tadabbur al-Qur'an – while only a few volumes are available, this is an ongoing work being carried out by a group of scholars under the supervision of Sheikh Mohammed Sa'eed Bahmanpour and Sheikh Tahir Ridha Jaffer. Can be found at Hujjat Bookshop - <https://www.hujjatbookshop.co.uk/holy-quran?page=3>

Above are the predominant Shi'a tafaseer in English. Isolated tafaseer/reflections on certain suras can be found by searching tafseer in al-islam.org. Arabic tafaseer can also be found in abundance using Arabic tafseer apps or websites (*such as https://www.greattafsirs.com/Tafsir_Books.aspx?LanguageID=1 or al bayaan fi tafseer al-Qur'an app in Arabic*).

The Study Qur'an – pdf to be emailed to registrants for tafseer. This tafseer is compiled using Sunni and Shi'i tafaseer

Some tafaseer below are listed which are from Sunni origin. These may be used and referenced but please compare to the Shi'a references first and only use if does not oppose Shi'a references.

Tafseer ibn Kathir: - <https://www.gtafsir.com/>

In the Shade of the Qur'an by Sayyid Qutb: -

<https://www.holybooks.com/shade-quran-dhilal-quran-sayyid-qutb/>

Selection/search engine for a number of Sunni tafaseer: -

<https://www.altafsir.com>

Online YouTube lectures may also be of use – you can find tafseer from the likes of Sheikh Mohammed Sa'eed Bahmanpour, Sheikh Murtadha Alidina and Sayed Ammar Nakshawani. Some Sunni teachers such as Nouman Ali Khan may also be of use.