QUESTIONS

1. The Holy Quran
   (a) Reading
   (b) Recitation from memory
   (c) Reading and translation
2. Where first revelation of the Quran was received?
3. With what verse every chapter of the Qur’an starts, its meaning and importance in a Muslim’s life?
4. In how many years complete Quran was revealed?
5. How many chapters are in the Quran?
6. How the Holy Quran was preserved during the life of the Holy Prophet SAL?
7. What is the meaning of Assalamo ‘alaikum?
8. Kalimah Tayyibah?
9. Kalimah Shahadah?
10. Darud Shareef?
11. Names and timings of the five daily prayers?
12. Azan?
13. Iqamah?
14. Janaza Prayer?
15. What are the principles of Faith?
16. What are the ordinances of Faith?
17. What are the names of the Holy Founder of Islam and who named them?
18. What are the two major festivals of Islam?
19. Who are the people of the Book?
20. Names of important Prophets of Allah mentioned in the Quran?
21. What importance the Quran has given to Mary, mother of Prophet Jesus?
22. Why Hajj is performed?
23. What is the significance of Ka’bah in Islam
24. Who is a Mujaddid?
25. Who was the Mujaddid of the fourteenth century of Hijrah?
26. What is the meaning of the Qur’anic term Khatamun Nabiyyeen?
27. What is the difference between Hadith and Sunnah?
28. Who are the four Righteous Khalifas who succeeded the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAL?
Ans. 2. The first revelation of the Qur’an came down on the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAL in the Cave of Hira and it was the 24th night of the month of Ramazan. The Holy Prophet Muhammad SAL prayed and deeply thought over the sad plight of the people of Arabia for many years in that lonely cave of Hira and ultimately the Message of Allah came to him.

Ans. 3. The verse is: Bis-mil-laa-hir Rah-maa-nir Ra-heem. Its meaning is “In the name of Allah, the Beneficient, the Merciful. A Muslim recites this verse before eating, leaving home, driving a car, wearing a new clothe and in fact starting any work in order to seek Allah’s blessings.

Ans. 4. Complete Qur’an was revealed in twenty-three years.

Ans. 5. There are 114 chapters in the Holy Qur’an.

Ans. 6. Whenever the revelation of Allah came down on the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAL through Angel Gabriel, he used to call a scribe to write it down on any thing available such as paper, skin or piece of wood. These revelations were immediately memorised by many of his companions in the same order as instructed by the Prophet. So the Qur’an was preserved in writing as well in the memories of the companions during the very life of the Holy Prophet SAL.

Ans. 7. May peace be on you.

Ans. 17 The Holy Prophet of Islam had two names: Ahmad and Muhammad. Ahmad was named by his mother Aminah and Muhammad was named by his grandfather Hazrat Abdul Muttalib, who was a well-known chief of the tribe of Quresh.

Ans. 18. There are two major festivals in Islam. ‘Id al-Fitr and ‘Id al-Azha. ‘Id al-Fitr is celebrated at the conclusion of a month long spiritual exercise of fasting in the month of Ramazan. ‘Id al-Azha is celebrated on the 10th month of Zil- Hijj in commemoration of the sacrifice of the eldest son of Hazrat Abraham, namely Hazrat Ishmael near the Ka’bah in the city of Makkah, now Saudi Arabia.

Ans. 19. Jews and Christians have been called People of the Book in the Qur’an. Torah was revealed to Prophet Moses, founder of Judaism and Gospel or Injil was revealed to Prophet Jesus who is considered to be the founder of Christianity.

Ans. 20 Some of the important names of Prophets mentioned in the Qur’an are Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Noah, Joseph, Jonah, Moses and Jesus.

Ans. 21 The Holy Book of Islam, the Holy Quran not only records Allah’s revelations to Mary, mother of Prophet Jesus but clears her off the allegations levelled against her by the Jews. A whole chapter of the Holy Qur’an has also been named after her, viz., Mary.
Ans. 22 Ka’bah is the first house of worship appointed by Allah for mankind as mentioned in the Qur’an. Muslims turn their faces towards it while praying. It signifies and symbolises unity of Allah preached by all the prophets of Allah and finally perfected in theory and practice by the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAL.

Ans. 23 Hajj is performed at the Ka’bah in commemoration of the unique worship and supreme sacrifice made by Prophet Abraham of his only son Hazrat Ishmael and his wife Hagar near Ka’bah.

Ans. 24 A Mujaddid according to an authentic hadith of the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAL is a person who is raised at the head of each Hijrah century to revive the forgotten teachings and practice of Islam.

Ans. 25 Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian was the Mujaddid of the 14th century Hijrah.

Ans. 26 It means the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAL is the Last of the Prophets and no prophet new or old shall appear after him. The Holy Prophet has demonstrated perfectly all the excellences and objectives of prophethood, and it was through him that complete guidance and code of life was revealed in the form of the Holy Quran.

Ans. 27 Hadith is the sayings or narrations of what the Holy Prophet SAL did or said in his life. It was collected and compiled by eminent scholars almost one hundred and fifty years afterwards. Sunnah is the record of the practice of the Holy Prophet SAL which was followed continuously by his followers down to the present times.

Ans. 28 The first successor or khalifa or caliph was Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique, second was Hazrat Umar Farooq, third was Hazrat Usman Ghani and the fourth was Hazrat Ali Murtaza.