



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE

GRACIOUS AND EVER

MERCIFUL

PROGRAMME FOR NATIONAL IJTEMA 2018

The theme for the National Ijtema this year will be:

The Existence of God

Tilawat Competition

Rules

1. Participants will be given any portion from a Surah to recite.
2. Emphasis will be given on articulation, Tajweed rules, pause rules and voice beautification.

For New Converts

Any four verses of their choice.

Nazm Competition

Any set of verses from the selection attached.

Rules

1. Participants can recite any set of verses from the prescribed selection
2. Emphasis will be given on pronunciation and melody

For New Converts

Four verses of any poem

Speech Competitions

Please note that the speech competitions should be held at local and Regional levels only.

Group 1 15 - 30 years only

Group 2 30 +

Topics

- 1) Choose any one of the quotes below from ‘The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam’ presented by the Promised Messiah^{as} as the five proofs of the existence of God and explain: (Please note that the Quranic references are to support the quotes).
 - a) *Our Lord is He Who has bestowed upon everything its appropriate faculties, and has then guided it to the achievement of its appropriate purposes (20:51).*
 - b) *Thy Lord is the final cause of all causes (53:43).*
 - c) *Can there be a doubt in the existence of God Who has originated the heavens and the earth (14:11)?*
 - d) *All that is on the earth will perish and only the countenance of thy Lord, Master of Glory and Honour, will survive (55:27-28).*
 - e) *Am I not your Lord? and they answered: Indeed (7:173).*
- 2) Explain how Einstein’s theory of relativity supports the Quranic principle of Cause and Effect.
- 3) Science proves the existence of God.
- 4) How would you refute modern day Atheism from an Islamic perspective?

For New Converts

Why Islam/ Ahmadiyyat? Or any one of the above topics.

Rules

1. Speeches will be limited to a maximum of **five minutes only**.
2. Participants must research and prepare their own speech.
3. Speeches can be delivered in either Urdu or English.
4. It is not essential to learn the speech by heart as participants are allowed to bring with them up to 5 cards with bullet points.

Presentations from Regions at the National Ijtema

Each Region will be required to do a group presentation instead of speeches on any of the topics given for the speech competition. There should be at least four members in each group. Allocated time for the presentation is **eight minutes**. Judges and audience will also be able to ask questions on the topic for **three minutes**. Please consult the Ta'lim Secretary regarding the topic chosen to ensure that there is not too much repetition. Please note that additional marks will be given to those, who can incorporate both Urdu and English, in their presentations.

Exhibition Competition

Each Region will be given an opportunity to take part in the Exhibition. The exhibition should be put together by a group of Lajna from the Region and any form of multimedia, electronic devices, posters, banners etc. may be used to make the exhibition more effective. Regions will be allocated a topic from the centre for their exhibition. **Please note that each region will be allocated only one table for their exhibition.**

Quiz Competition

There will be an English and an Urdu quiz competition this year. Please nominate one person from your Region. There is no age restriction for any of these competitions. Lajna members may choose to enter either or both these competitions.

English Quiz will be based on the book “Our God” by Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad sahib.

Urdu Quiz will be based on the book “Hasti Bari Ta’la” by Hazrat Musleh Ma’ud^{ra}.

Hifze Qur’an Competition

Surah Al-Waqi’ah

Please nominate one person from your Region for the Hifze Qur’an competition.

Additional Hifze Qur’an: Part 30 of the Holy Qur’an (New participants only)
OR Those who have memorised Part 30 should now memorise Part 29 of the Holy Quran.

Regions should forward the names of those who have undertaken and completed the memorisation of Part 30 and Part 29 of the Holy Qur’an. Certificates will be awarded for achieving this.

Please note that those ladies who are *Hafizah* (have memorised the Holy Quran completely) may not take part in this competition.

English Poetry Competition

Members of Lajna are invited to take part in the Poetry Competition.

- Poems recited can only be their own original work.
- Poems can be written in any style to a maximum of 12 lines.
- Poems should be of a religious nature.
- Names of participants should be sent in through their Regional Sadrs.

Bait Bazi

Recitation from only the following will be allowed:

- Durre Samin

- Kalame Mahmood
- Durre Adan
- Kalame Tahir
- Bukhare Dil

RULES FOR COMPETING AT REGIONAL & NATIONAL IJTEMA

- All competitions should previously have been held at a local level.
- Only individuals achieving first position at Local level shall be allowed to compete at the Regional Ijtema.
- Where there is a tie for first position at local level only one name should be forwarded for Regional Ijtema.
- Only individuals achieving first position at Regional level shall be allowed to compete at the National Ijtema. In case of a tie, the above rule should be applied.

Rules for New Converts (within last three years)

Please note that new converts do not have to compete at local levels first in order to compete at the Regional and National levels.

Participation Limits:

Each competitor will be allowed to take part only in a **maximum of TWO competitions** out of: **Tilawat, Nazm, Speech** (either in English or Urdu) **and Extempore Speech** (either in English or Urdu).

NB: But for the **Quiz Competitions** there is no such limitation. A competitor who has taken part in two of the above competitions shall also be allowed to also take part in the Quiz Competition.