

## (1) Keywords

<b>Allah</b>	Allah is Arabic for God.
<b>Tawhid</b>	The oneness of God. Islam is a monotheistic religion.
<b>Subha beads</b>	A set of 33 beads that help Muslims to remember the 99 names during prayer.
<b>Prophet</b>	A messenger of God.
<b>Qur'an</b>	The holy book for Muslims.
<b>The Night of Power</b>	The night when the first part of the Qur'an was revealed to prophet Muhammad.
<b>Day of Judgement</b>	A day in the future judges them based on their actions.
<b>Jannah</b>	Paradise, a reward for those who do good deeds.
<b>Jahannam</b>	Hell, a punishment for those who do bad deeds.

## (2) The Origins of Islam

1. Islam is the world's second largest religion.
2. There are roughly 1.5 billion Muslims worldwide.
3. 6.5% of the UK population is **Muslim**.
4. **Muslims** follow the religion **Islam**, which is a religion started by **Prophet Muhammad** in **610ad** in **Saudi Arabia, Mecca**.
5. Muslims will use the term **Allah** for God, as this is Arabic and many Muslims speak **Arabic**, as the **Qur'an** is written in Arabic.
6. Islam was founded in **Mecca**. Prophet Muhammad was born in Mecca and it is where the Kaaba is located.

## (3) The 99 names of Allah

The **99 names of Allah** help Muslims to understand the nature of Allah. For example, **The Merciful**, **The Almighty** and **The All-knowing**. Muslims believe that Allah is one and has no equals, this teaching is known as **Tawhid**.

### The Natures of Allah:

1. **Immanent**- Allah is close to every human and within all things on Earth.
2. **Transcendent**- Allah is beyond human understanding.
3. **Omnipotent**- Allah is Almighty and has unlimited power.
4. **Beneficent**- Allah is benevolent. Allah is All-loving, and All-good.
5. **Merciful**- Allah shows compassion or forgiveness to humans.
6. **Fair** - God treats people fairly without favour or discrimination. He treats everyone equally.
7. **Judge** - God is Just and fair, and judges human actions. Rewarding the good and punishing the bad.

## (4) Who is the Prophet Muhammad?

**Prophet Muhammad** was the founder of Islam. He is described as the "**seal of the prophets**" which means he was the final prophet..

1. Muhammad was born in Mecca, Saudi Arabia in around 570CE
2. Most people were polytheists in Mecca but Muhammad worshipped one God. In 610CE he received the first revelation of the Qur'an. This is known as The Night of Power.
3. Between 624CE and 628CE, Muhammad and his followers were involved in a series of battles.
4. 630CE Muhammad's army marched into Mecca taking the city with minimum casualties. Most of the Meccan population converted to Islam.
5. In March 632CE, Prophet Muhammad delivered his last sermon at Mount Arafat.
6. Prophet Muhammad died on June 8th 632CE, at the age of 62.

## (5) What is the importance of the Qur'an?

1. The Qur'an is the Muslim holy book and contains the final revelations from Allah.
2. Prophet Muhammad received the first revelation during The Night of Power, when angel Jibril (Gabriel) appeared to him and commanded him to "read"
3. The Qur'an teaches Muslims to worship only one God, and never worship idols. It also teaches Muslims to pray 5 times a day and treat everyone fairly.
4. Muslims must clean themselves before touching the Qur'an or praying to Allah. This is to cleanse their mind and body before worship.
5. Muslims also place the Qur'an on the highest shelf to show that it is the most important text.

### Why is the Qur'an important?

- It helps Muslims to understand the nature of Allah.
- It is the unchanged word of Allah.
- It teaches Muslims how to live a good life.

## (6) What do Muslims believe about the afterlife?

Muslims believe that at the end of time they will be judged on their earthly deeds and Allah will decide whether you go to Jannah (paradise) or Jahannam (hell).

1. On the Day of Judgement the world will be destroyed. When the world ends, the angel Israfil will sound a trumpet and there will be a resurrection. All the dead bodies will be raised and judged.
2. They will also be given their own 'book of deeds', which is a record of all a person's good and bad actions.
3. The idea of a Day of Judgement encourages Muslims to live their lives in a good way. They try to pass the test of life and take responsibility for their actions, whether good or bad.

**Jannah:** Muslims believe if they have lived a good life they will be rewarded in paradise. In the Qur'an it states: "The description of Paradise which the righteous have been promised is that in it are rivers of water the taste and smell of which are not changed"

**Jahannam:** Muslims believe that if their bad deeds outweigh their good deeds they will go to hell. Jahannam is a place of torture and punishment. In the Qur'an it states, "Fear the Fire, which has been prepared for the disbelievers."