QUR’AN COMPETITION

Heart of the Qur’an: A Commentary to Surah Yasin

1. According to S. Muhammad Hashim Dastghaib, the heart of the universe is:
   a. the Qur’an
   b. Surah Yasin
   c. Prophet Muhammad (s)
   d. Mecca

2. The following topics are addressed in this surah (circle all that apply):
   a. monotheism
   b. God’s signs
   c. Prophet Yusuf (a)
   d. the hereafter
   e. God’s might
   f. Prophet Musa (a)
   g. the Battle of Badr
   h. Prophet Ibrahim (a)
   i. Prophethood

3. **Lexically**, yasin means:
   a. O chief of the Qur’an
   b. Man or perfect man
   c. The noble one
   d. O Prophet

4. **Al-Hakim** can mean (circle all that apply):
   a. proof
   b. ruler
   c. knowledgeable
   d. unwavering
   e. wise
   f. powerful
5. Which **four** titles of the Prophet (s) are mentioned in the Qur’an? (*Circle all four.*)
   a. Ahmad
   b. Mustapha
   c. Muhammad
   d. Taha
   e. al-Insaan al-Kaamil
   f. Hakim
   g. Abdullah
   h. al-Amin

6. *Fatrah* is:
   a. A period between the prophethood of prophets Ibrahim (a) and Muhammad (s) during which the elite prophets were sent.
   b. A period between the prophethood of prophets `Isa (a) and Muhammad (s) during which a messenger was not sent from God.
   c. A period between the demise of Prophet Muhammad (s) and the coming of the 12th Imam (aj).
   d. An interval during which God sent many prophets, but the people mocked them and killed many of them.

7. On the Day of Judgment:
   a. Everyone’s deeds will be weighed on the Scale of Deeds.
   b. Believers will use one scale and disbelievers will use another scale.
   c. The deeds of disbelievers will not be weighed on the Scale of Deeds.

8. In Surah Yasin, Allah (swt) tells the story of ____ messengers who were sent to ______.
   a. two, Mecca
   b. two, Palestine
   c. three, Antioch
   d. three, Yemen
   e. four, Egypt

9. The best and most valuable aspects of Paradise are (*circle three that apply)*:
   a. the flowing rivers
   b. God’s pleasure
   c. the heavenly companions
   d. being in the neighborhood of the Ahlulbayt (a)
   e. the blessed fruits
   f. interaction with the angels
   g. the announcement that those who dwell in Paradise will remain in it forever
10. According to hadiths, no more than ____ of the townspeople (in the story) accepted faith and were guided by the messengers.
   a. 5
   b. 10
   c. 14
   d. 20
   e. 40
   f. 72
   g. 313

11. The pious man “from the city outskirts” (verse 20) who rushed to support the messengers was:
   a. Simon
   b. Sham`oun
   c. Asif bin Barkhiya
   d. Habib al-Najjar
   e. Al-Habashi
   f. Zayd ibn Haritha

12. This man tried to convince the townspeople to follow the messengers. In order to strengthen his case, he argued (in verse 21) that:
   a. the messengers are knowledgeable people who speak the truth.
   b. the messengers came from afar, and they are also guided.
   c. the messengers are not asking for compensation, and they are also guided.
   d. the messengers were sent by God and they would never lie.

13. Which divine attribute did the man utter to make a strong case for God?
   a. al-Rahman
   b. al-Razzaq
   c. al-Khalîq
   d. al-Rahîm
   e. al-Azîz
   f. al-Hakîm

14. After he was killed, he heard a voice saying, “Enter Paradise!” According to the author (Ayat. Dastghaib Shirazi), “paradise” in this phrase means:
   a. the Garden of Eden
   b. the Ka`ba
   c. Karbala
   d. the paradise in the grave
e. the highest level of Heaven  
f. Heaven (after the Day of Judgment)

15. According to the author, why is the word “day” used in the term “Day of Judgment”?
   a. Because the sun will always be shining on that day.  
   b. Because we will see the Ahlulbayt (a) on that day.  
   c. Because we will be frozen in time.  
   d. Because truth will be manifested clearly.

16. The following are among the signs that we are encouraged to ponder over in Surah Yasin
    (circle all that apply):
    a. The revival of the dead earth  
    b. The night  
    c. The destruction of Pharaoh  
    d. The utter darkness of the deep sea  
    e. The sun running its course  
    f. Phases of the moon  
    g. The covenant made with the Israelites

17. Kufr means to _______ Allah’s _______.  
   a. ignore, remembrance  
   b. cover, bounty  
   c. hate, truth  
   d. reject, reward

18. Which of the following is an example of Allah’s legislative will?
   a. Allah wills that human beings should use their intellect.  
   b. Allah wills that the sun rises in the east.  
   c. Allah wills that a person’s lifespan will end at a specific time.

19. Circle the statement that is true.
   a. Poverty is from God and richness is not from God.  
   b. Richness is from God and poverty is not from God.  
   c. Richness and poverty are divine bounties.

20. The Arabic word shughul (in verse 55) means:
    a. A preoccupation that prevents man from doing anything else.  
    b. A place of resting.  
    c. Shrieks of hell.  
    d. To work in construction.
21. According to the author, “expansion of the heart” is:
   a. to make salawaat.
   b. to make dua.
   c. the ability to perceive beauty.
   d. the believer’s soul entering the grave.

22. Apparently, verse 58 which reads, “Peace: a word from a Merciful Lord,” indicates:
   a. That Allah (swt) directly salutes the people of Paradise.
   b. That Allah (swt) salutes the people of Paradise through Prophet Muhammad (s).
   c. That Allah (swt) salutes the people of Paradise through all members of the Ahlulbayt (a).
   d. That Allah (swt) salutes people through the Angel of Death.

23. Satan’s enmity towards man was due to his:
   a. jealousy and arrogance
   b. arrogance and stinginess
   c. deceitfulness and pride
   d. fear and arrogance

24. On the Day of Judgment, when God seals the mouths of those who followed Satan, what does he promise to do in the same verse?
   a. Disfigure them
   b. Blot their eyes out
   c. Cause them to grow weak
   d. Cause their hands and feet to speak the truth

25. According to a hadith narrated from Imam al-Sadiq (a), the last period of our lives in which we will gain strength (before becoming weaker) is when we reach ___ years of age.
   a. 30
   b. 33
   c. 43
   d. 45
   e. 55