

Annual Ijtima' 2022

Only Lajna age 30 & under will
participate in National Ijtima

LAJNA IMĀ'ILLĀH CANADA
TA'LIM, TARBIYAT & TABLIGH

TILĀWAT-E-QUR'ĀN

Group #1: 15-30 Years & Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Group #1 & #2 will present a melodic recitation with correct pronunciation
(memorization NOT required) of: **Sūrah Al-Baqarah (Ch:2) Ruku: 7-12**

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Correct Pronunciation (i.e. Basic Rules & Stop Signs)	25
Melody & Fluency	25
TOTAL	50

Only 1st position holders from Group #1 will proceed to the National Ijtima.

HIFZ-E-QUR'ĀN

Group #1: 15-30 Years & Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Memorized recitation with correct pronunciation of:

Surāh Bani Isra'il (Ch. 17 Verses 79 to 85)

Surāh Al-Hashr (Ch. 59 Verses 19 to 25)

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Memorization	25
Correct Pronunciation (i.e. Basic Rules & Stop Signs)	25
TOTAL	50

Only 1st position holders from Group #1 will proceed to the National Ijtima.

URDU & ENGLISH SPEECHES UNDER 30

Delivery of a speech in either Urdu or English in 5 minutes (one participant will take part in ONLY ONE speech competition) on the following topics:

أردو تقریر کے عنوانات

1. إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ
2. قرآن کریم حکم ہے
3. بد رسومات کے خلاف احمدی عورت کا جہاد (ڈانس، شادی بیاہ کی رسومات، ...)
4. ”آسمان میرے لئے تو نے بنایا اک گواہ“
5. سیرة سیدہ حضرت مریم صدیقہ صاحبہؑ (حضرت چھوٹی آپا جان)

English Speech Topics

1. Our heaven is our Lord
2. Five Fulfilled Scientific Prophecies of the Holy Qur'an
3. UnIslamic Customs and Traditions in the Modern Age (please include gender reveal parties, wedding events, baby showers)
4. Quranic guidance to maintain the bounty of khilafat
5. Nations reformation cannot be done without self-reformation

Criteria for Marking for Urdu & English Speeches	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	10
References (i.e. Holy Qurān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiah ^{as} /Khulafā'-e-Karam/Other scholars)	5
Appropriate and Effective Vocabulary	5
Style & Delivery (i.e. Appropriate Pitch & Effective Pauses)	5
Maintain Eye Contact 90% of the Time	5
Correctness & Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Memorization	5
Time (*please see note below)	5
TOTAL	45

***NOTE:** Time Count will begin AFTER recitation of Tashahud by participants. Recitation of Tashahud is mandatory and marks will be deducted if the participant makes a mistake in its recitation.

Tash-shahud in Arabic:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ -

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

****NOTE:** all speech competitions will now end at the regional level.

URDU & ENGLISH EXTEMPORE SPEECHES UNDER 30

Delivery of a 2-minute speech in either Urdu or English on a randomly selected topic chosen by the participant.

Criteria for Marking for Urdu & English Speeches	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	10
References (i.e. Holy Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiah ^{as} /Khulafā'-e-Karam/Other scholars)	5
Appropriate and Effective Vocabulary	5
Style & Delivery (i.e. Appropriate Pitch & Effective Pauses)	5
Maintain Eye Contact	5
Correctness & Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Time (*please see note below)	5
TOTAL	45

***NOTE:** Time begins immediately and therefore, participants may simply recite *Bismillāh* to begin their speech.

POEM UNDER 30

Recitation of ONE of the following memorized poems:

دُرِّ ثَمِين: اسلام اور بانئِ اسلام ﷺ سے عشق	
<p>آؤ لوگو کہ یہیں نُورِ خدا پاؤ گے!! آج ان نوروں کا اک زور ہے اس عاجز میں مصطفیٰؐ پر ترا بے حد ہو سلام اور رحمت ربط ہے جانِ محمدؐ سے میری جاں کو مُدام</p>	<p>لو تمہیں طور تسلیٰ کا بتایا ہم نے دل کو ان نوروں کا ہر رنگ دلایا ہم نے اُس سے یہ نور لیا بارِ خدایا ہم نے دل کو وہ جام لبا لب ہے پلایا ہم نے</p>

کلام محمود: نصائح رفیقانہ	
<p>دوستو ہرگز نہیں یہ ناچ اور گانے کے دن اس چمن پر جبکہ تھا دورِ خزاں وہ دن گئے ظلمت و تاریکی و ضدّ و تعصّب مٹ چکے جاہ و حشمت کا زمانہ آنے کو ہے عنقریب</p>	<p>مشرق و مغرب میں ہیں یہ دیں کے پھیلانے کے دن اب تو ہیں اسلام پر یارو بہار آنے کے دن آگئے ہیں اب خدا کے چہرہ دکھلانے کے دن رہ گئے تھوڑے سے ہیں اب گالیاں کھانے کے دن</p>

دُرِّ عدن: پاک محمد مصطفیٰؐ نبیوں کا سردار	
<p>جب دم سینے میں گھٹتا ہے جب دل میں ہو کیں اٹھتی ہیں جب بڑے بڑے جی چھوڑتے ہیں جاں دینے کو سر پھوڑتے ہیں یہ برکت سب 'اسلام' کی ہے تعلیم اُس رحمتِ عام کی ہے جب 'جینا' کڑوا لگتا ہے ، جب 'مرنا' دل کو بھاتا ہے اُس وقت بس ایک 'مسلمان' ہے جو صبر کی شان دکھاتا ہے جو 'نسخۂ تسکین' وہ لایا دل مسلم کا ٹھیراتا ہے بے آس کی آس بن جاتا ہے پاک محمد مصطفیٰؐ نبیوں کا سردار</p>	<p>بھیج درود اُس محسن پر تو دن میں سو سو بار</p>

کلام طاہر: غزل آپ کے لیئے

غم بھی لگا ہے جان گُسل آپ کے لیئے
جس زندگی کے آج نہ کل آپ کے لیئے
نغمہ سرا ہیں دشت و جبل آپ کے لیئے
گُرا نہ چین سے کوئی پل آپ کے لیئے

دل آپ کا ہے ، آپ کی جان ، آپ کا بدن
میں آپ ہی کا ہوں ، وہ میری زندگی نہیں
گو آرہی ہے میرے ہی گیتوں کی بازگشت
ہر لمحہ فراق ہے عمردرازِ غم

*NOTE:

1. Repetition of couplets is not allowed.
2. Ta'lim secretaries should help sisters who cannot read Urdu to make sure they have proper pronunciation.

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Memorization	5
Correctness and Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Melody (including Appropriate Pitch)	20
TOTAL	30

BAI'AT BĀZI UNDER 30

Recite couplets from the following books ONLY:

دُرِّ ثَمِين، کلامِ محمود، دُرِّ عَدْن، کلامِ طاہر اور بخارِ دل

***NOTE: This Competition will be held at local, regional and National Ijtema.**

Only one participant from each region will advance to Nationals.

ESSAY WRITING

Submit a 1500-word essay to talim@lajna.ca no later than **March 31, 2022** on one of the following topics:

Urdu	خلافت کی اطاعت میں احمدی عورت کی ذمہ داریاں
English	The guidance of Sayyedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V ^{aa} on the appropriate use of social media by Ahmadi girls and ladies.
French	Les conseils de Sayyedna Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V ^{aa} concernant l'utilisation appropriée des médias sociaux par les filles et les femmes ahmadis.

***NOTE #1:** Important Formatting Instructions (marks will be deducted if any of the following criteria are not met)

- Maximum 1500 word limit
- If typing, 12-pt font (English essays should be in Times New Roman or Arial)
- Double-spaced
- 1" (2.54 cm) margins at the top, bottom, right and left of page (if typed)
- On the **FIRST THREE LINES** of your essay, state: **Your Name, Date of Submission, Your Jamā'at.**

***NOTE #2:** Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Plagiarism means to present someone else’s work, words, or ideas as if they are your own.

- All direct or indirect quotes must give references
- References may be given as footnotes, endnotes, or parenthetical citations
- Marks will be deducted if any essay is found to be plagiarized

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	20
References (i.e. Holy Qur’ān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiah(as)/Khulafā’-e-Karam/Other scholars)	20
Organization (i.e. essay is well structured with a beginning, body and conclusion; does not digress from thesis; appropriate transitions between paragraphs, etc.)	20
Writing Style (word choice, appropriate tone, sentence structure, author’s voice, etc.)	15
Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation	15
Formatting (word count, font, line spacing, margins, pagination, etc.)	10
TOTAL	100

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS ALL AGE GROUPS

Due Date: January 30, 2022

1- Learn the following Rukkū of the Holy Qur'an with word-by-word translation

A certificate will be given to those Lajna who learn the word-by-word translation of the following:

- (a) Rukkū 1-5 of Surāh Al-Baqarah (for those participating for the first time)
- (b) Rukkū 6-10 of Surāh Al-Baqarah
- (c) Rukkū 11-15 of Surāh Al-Baqarah
- (d) Rukkū 16-20 of Surāh Al-Baqarah

*NOTE:

1. Local President Sahiba or Secretary Ta'lim Sahiba will conduct the test (oral or written, whichever method is convenient for them).
2. Local President Sahiba will submit the winners' names to Regional President Sahiba and prizes will be given at the Regional Ijtemā'.
3. If a participant has received a certificate for competition (a) or (b) listed above in the previous year, they should advance to the next competition listed, as these competitions are in chronological order of the Holy Qur'an.

2- Learn the following parts of the Holy Qur'an with word-by-word translation

A certificate will be given to those Lajna members who complete any of the following by May 30, 2021:

- A) First Two Parts
- B) First Five Parts
- C) Parts 6-10
- D) Parts 11-15
- E) Parts 16-20
- F) Parts 21-25
- G) Parts 26-30

*NOTE:

- If a participant has received a certificate for competitions (A) to (F) above in the previous year, they should advance to the next competition listed, as these competitions are in chronological order of the Holy Qur'an.
- Participants will be asked to translate five portions consisting of at least five lines from one or more verses each. If the participant earns 70% marks, only then will her name be sent for the certificate.

3- HIFZ-E-QUR'ĀN: Memorize all 5 following Surah

84. Al-Inshiqaq

85. Al-Buruj

86. At-Tariq

87. Al-A`la

88. Al-Ghashiyah

4-Memorize Forty Aḥadith with Translation.

***NOTE:** The President or Secretary Ta'lim will listen to at least TEN Aḥadith with translation. If a participant has memorized 40 ahadith in a previous year, she must memorize 40 different Ahadith to participate.

5-Memorize the following portions of the Qasīdah written by the Promised Messiah^{as}.

- A) Verses 1-25
- B) Verses 26-50
- C) Verses 51-70

***NOTE:** The participant must recite the ENTIRE SECTION (A or B or C) of the Qasīdah at one time.

6-Read the Life and Character of the Seal of Prophets^{sa} by Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad^{ra}. (any volume)

If a participant has read Volume 1, she will now read Volume 2; if she has read Volume 2, she will read Volume 3.

7-Read Khilāfat 'Ala Minhajun-Nabuwwah.

If a participant has read Volume 1, she will now read Volume 2; if she has read Volume 2, she will read Volume 3.

8-Read any FIVE books of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

***NOTE:**

- If a participant has already received a certificate for reading five books in the previous year, please do not include those same books in this year's competition; participants are expected to read different books.
- For the five books of the Promised Messiah^{as} the participant should write a very brief summary, maximum 1 page, of the book in her own words OR she may verbally summarize what she has read in the book.

9-Memorize the following portion of a Qasidah written by the Promised Messiah ^{as}:

وَأَنَّ إِمَامِي سَيِّدَ الرُّسُلِ أَحْمَدُ
وَلَا شَكَّ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا شَمْسُ الْهُدَى
لَهُ دَرَجَاتٌ فَوْقَ كُلِّ مَدَارِجٍ
أَبْعَدَ نَبِيِّ اللَّهِ شَيْءٍ يُرْوَقِنِي
عَلَيْكَ سَلَامُ اللَّهِ يَا مَرْجِعَ الْوَرَى
وَيَحْمَدُكَ اللَّهُ الْوَحِيدُ وَجُنْدُهُ
مَدَحَتْ إِمَامَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَأَذَاهُ
دَعَا كُلُّ فَخْرٍ لِلنَّبِيِّ مُحَمَّدٍ
وَصَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا إِلَيْهَا الْوَرَى
رَضِينَا هُ مَتَّبِعَا وَرَبِّي يَنْظُرُ
إِلَيْهِ رَغْبَنَا مُؤْمِنِينَ فَنَشْكُرُ
لَهُ كَمَعَاتٍ لَا يَلِيهَا تَصَوُّرُ
أَبْعَدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَجْهٌ مُنَوَّرُ
لِكُلِّ ظَلَامٍ نُورٌ وَجْهَكَ نِيرُ
وَيُنْتِنِي عَلَيْكَ الصُّبْحُ إِذْ هُوَ يَجْشُرُ
لَأَرْفَعُ مِنْ مَدْحِي وَأَعْلَى وَأَكْبَرُ
أَمَامَ جَلَالَةِ شَأْنِهِ الشَّمْسُ أَحْقَرُ
وَذُرُّوا لَهُ طُرُقَ النَّشَاجِرِ تَوَجَّرُوا

(القصائد الاحمدية صفحہ 108-107)