

# LAJNA IMĀ'ILLĀH CANADA

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**2023**

## IJTIMA' SYLLABUS

### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LAJNA IMĀ'ILLĀH

Theme for local & National Ijtima is "The Rights of Allah Ta'ala"


Theme for Regional Ijtima is "Importance and Blessings of Khilafat"



Please note:

Only Lajna ages 30 & under will participate in the National Ijtima'

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# LAJNA IMĀ'ILLĀH PLEDGE

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

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. And I bear witness that Muhammad (sa) is His servant and His messenger

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I affirm that I shall always be ready to sacrifice my life, property, time and children for the cause of faith and nation. I shall always adhere to truth and shall always be prepared to make every sacrifice for the perpetuation of the Ahmadiyya Khilafat, In'sha'Allah

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## TILĀWAT-E-QUR'ĀN

Group # 1: 15-30 Years

Group #2: 31 Years and Older

### SŪRAH YA SIN: RUKU 1 & 2

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

All groups will present a melodic recitation with correct pronunciation.

Memorization is NOT required

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

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## HIFZ-E-QUR'ĀN

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

### SŪRAH AL-ALA (CH. 87) SŪRAH AL-GHASHIYAH (CH. 88)

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

All groups will present a memorized recitation with correct pronunciation

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

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## URDU & ENGLISH SPEECH

Group # 1: 15-30 Years

Group #2: 31 Years and Older

### أردو تقریر کے عنوانات

1. 2:153 فَادْكُرُوْنِيْٓ اَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاَشْكُرُوْا لِيْ وَلَا تَكْفُرُوْا ۗ
2. آنحضرت صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم حقوق نسواں کے علمبردار
3. برکات خلافت
4. دین کی اہمیت عائلی زندگی میں
5. بد رسومات سے اجتناب - (خوشی اور غم کے مواقع پر دینی تعلیمات کے تابع رہیں)
6. حیا و پاکدامنی اور سوشل میڈیا

### English Speech Topics

1. اَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللّٰهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوْبُ - Aye! it is in the remembrance of Allah that hearts can find comfort (13:29)
2. Blessings of reciting of Darud Sharif
3. The Promised Messiah (as) a prophet of God
4. Khilafat is a great manifestation of Allah Ta'ala
5. 100 year of Lajna Ima'illah and our responsibilities
6. Modesty and social media

Tash-Shahud in Arabic

اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَاَشْهَدُ اَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ -

اَمَّا بَعْدُ فَاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْمِ

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ



## URDU & ENGLISH SPEECH

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Criteria for Marking for Urdu & English Speeches	15
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	5
References (i.e. Holy Qurān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiahas/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
Time (*please see note below)	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

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

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.

All speech competitions will now end at the regional level.

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## URDU & ENGLISH EXTEMPORE SPEECH

30 & Under

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	15
References (i.e. Holy Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiahas/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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

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

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

All speech competitions will now end at the regional level.



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## POEM

30 & Under

دُرِّتَمِين

کلام محمود

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ہر اک نیکی کی جڑ یہ اُتقا ہے  
اگر یہ جڑ رہی سب کچھ رہا ہے

یہی اک فخر شانِ اولیاء ہے  
بجز تقویٰ زیادتِ اِن میں کیا ہے

ڈرو یارو کے وہ بینا خُدا ہے  
اگر سوچو، یہی دارُ الجزاء ہے

مجھے تقویٰ سے اُس نے یہ جزا دی  
فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي اَخَذَ الْاَعَادِي

بڑھتی رہے خدا کی محبت خدا کرے  
حاصل ہو تم کو دید کی لَدَّت خدا کرے

توحید کی بو لب پہ شہادت خدا کرے  
ایمان کی بو دل میں حلاوت خدا کرے

قرآن پاک ہاتھ میں ہو دل میں نور ہو  
مل جائے مومنوں کی فراست خدا کرے

قائم ہو پھر سے حکمِ محمّد جہان میں  
ضائع نہ ہو تمہاری یہ محنت خدا کرے

محمّد پر ہماری جاں فدا ہے  
کہ وہ کوئے صنم کا رہنما ہے

میرا دل اُس نے روشن کر دیا ہے  
اندھیرے گھر کا میرے وہ دیا ہے

محمّد جو ہمارا پیشوا ہے  
محمّد جو کہ محبوبِ خدا ہے

ہو اس کے نام پر قربان سب کچھ  
کہ وہ شاہنشاہِ بر دوسرا ہے

دُرِّ عَدَن

کلام طاہر

میرے آقا مرے نبی کریم  
بانئ پاک باز دینِ قویم

شان تیری گمان سے بڑھ کر  
حسن و احسان میں نظیرِ عدیم

ساری دنیا کے حق میں رحمت ہے  
سب پہ جاری ہے تیرا فیضِ عمیم

اُسوۂ پاکِ خلقِ ربانی  
منتہائے کمالِ انسانی

صَلِّ عَلٰی نَبِيِّنَا صَلِّ عَلٰی مُحَمَّدٍ

آزاد تیرا فیضِ زمانے کی قید سے  
برسے ہے شرق و غرب پہ یکساں ترا کرم

تو مشرقی نہ مغربی اے نورشش جہات  
تیرا وطن عرب ہے، نہ تیرا وطن عجم

اے کاش مجھ میں قوت پرواز ہو تو میں  
اُڑتا ہوا بڑھوں، تری جانب سوئے حرم

تیرا ہی فیض ہے کوئی میری عطا نہیں  
ایں چشمہٴ رواں کہ بخلقِ خدا دہم

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## POEM

30 & Under

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Memorization	5
Correctness and Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Melody (including Appropriate Pitch)	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

Repetition of couplets is not allowed.

Ta'līm secretaries should help sisters who cannot read Urdu to make sure they have proper pronunciation.

Only 1st position holder from each region will proceed to the National Ijtima'

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## BAI'AT BĀZI

FOR ALL LAJNA

Recite couplets from the following books ONLY:

دُرِّ شَمِین، کلام محمود، دُرِّ عَدَن، کلام طاہر اور بخاری دل

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Correctness	10
Correct Pronunciation (i.e. Basic Rules & Stop Signs)	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

Only one participant from each region will advance to Nationals

No repetition is allowed.

Time limit: 10 seconds



## POEM WRITING

FOR ALL LAJNA

### INSTRUCTIONS

- THIS IS NOT A MUSHAIRA
- Poems MUST be in English
- Members can write a poem of a maximum of 5 to 7 couplets about the following topics
  - In the Praise of Allah Ta'ala (Hmad Bari Ta'ala)
  - In the praise of The Holy Prophet (sa) (Na'at)
  - In the praise of the Promised Messiah (as)
  - Blessings of Khilafat
  - Mubarak Baad at 100 years Jubilee of lajna
- All poetry must be ORIGINAL WORK. Plagiarism will not be tolerated

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic, Creativity & Originality)	15
Appropriate and Effective Vocabulary	10
Writing Style (Structure & Balance of Couplets)	10
Appropriate Length (5 to 7 couplets)	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>



# ESSAY WRITING

**Due March 31st 2023**

**TOPIC: 100 Years of Lajna Imā'illāh and my Responsibilities**

Can be in English OR Urdu OR French

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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>



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# ESSAY WRITING

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- DUE: March 31st, 2023
- The essay should be typed up and submitted electronically to [talim@lajna.ca](mailto:talim@lajna.ca).

The marking criteria will be based on:

- Clear focus on the main theme throughout
- Sound supporting arguments and examples
- Well organised & well structured ideas
- Correct and effective use of language
- Proper referencing

### Formatting Instructions

- Double-spaced
- Maximum 1500 word limit
- If typing, 12-pt font (English essays should be in Times New Roman or Arial)
- 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.

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