

Sura Dukhaan

1. The first ayat of this sura is has two letters of the Arabic alphabet. Can you circle these letters?

ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش
ص ض ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل م ن ه
و ي

2. This is a well-known and oft-recited sura regarding which Prophet Muhammad is reported to have said, "Whosoever recites al-Dukhaan during the night will greet the morning with..." what?
3. What is the meaning of the word 'dukhaan'. In which ayat and context does the word appear in this sura?

What will the disbelievers say when they encounter the 'dukhaan'. Give the ayat number.

4. Scientifically speaking, what is smoke and how is it created?

What creation of Allah (swt) was made from 'smokeless fire'? (Hint: we discussed it in one of the previous quizzes!)

5. In ayats #13-14 of this sura, who is being referred to? What claims did the people to whom he was sent (to guide) make about him?

In contrast, what do scholars tell us about the oath with which the sura begins in ayat #2?

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6. This sura gives an account of which prophet's story in order to provide a spiritual example/reflect upon similarities with Prophet Muhammad's (saw) challenges in guiding the Meccans?
7. What is the Holy Quran describing in ayats #25-28 of this sura? How does it relate to us?
8. The sura ends with a command in ayat #59. Who is this command for and what is Allah (swt) conveying?
9. The only reference to Laylatul Qadr in the Holy Quran, outside of Sura Qadr, is made in this sura. What is this special night called and in which ayat?
10. This is one of three suras recommended to recite on Laylatul Qadr. Which are the other two suras?

Using what you have now learned about these three suras, and what you already knew about them, why do YOU think they have been recommended to recite on this special night?

Bonus: TO BE DONE WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION AND SUPERVISION ONLY!

Make a smoke ring air cannon

Materials

- a plastic bottle
- a balloon
- incense
- a lighter or matches
- scissors
- packing tape
- Adult supervision (REQUIRED)

Instructions

Cut out the bottom of the bottle. Make sure the cut edges are smooth so that they don't poke through and break the balloon.

Tie a knot at the opening of the balloon (no inflating). This will be the trigger.

Then cut off about half an inch at the other end of the balloon.

Stretch the cut end of the balloon and cover it over the cut bottom of the bottle.

Tape the balloon onto the bottle so that it doesn't slip off when you pull the knot out.

To make a smoke ring, light an incense and blow out the fire (since we only want the smoke).

Carefully insert the incense into the bottle but do not let go. Make sure the tip does not touch and melt the bottle.

Cover the mouth of the bottle with your hand while holding the incense inside for the smoke to build up.

When the bottle is filled with smoke, uncover the bottle and remove the incense.

Now, in a lightly lit room, tap the balloon membrane gently and you will see a ring of smoke come out. It is easiest to see against a dark background.

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