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Quranic Passages (1-5)

Theme 1: Allah in Himself

- This theme includes Quranic **Passages No 1-5**.
- All passages of this theme are about **introduction of Allah**.
- As the topic is same, a lot of points will be repeated in both part **(a)** and Part **(b)** of Passages 1-5.

Passage No 1. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:225)

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۚ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۚ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ ۚ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۚ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

Allah. There is no god but He, the living, the self-subsisting, eternal. No slumber can seize Him nor sleep. His are all things in the heavens and on earth. Who is there can intercede in His presence except as He permits? He knows what is before or after or behind them. Nor shall they compass any of His knowledge except as He wills. His Throne extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them for He is the Highest, the Supreme.

[N/2012] [J/2013] [J/2017]

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are Tawhid, One God; that He is unlike creation; that His knowledge is infinite; that the Throne represents His power. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g., saying that He looks after all the Heavens and earth and no-one is needed to look after Him; He does not sleep nor get tired in what He does; humans only know what He allows them; that His throne is understood as His majesty, uniqueness, knowledge and having total power. It emphasizes how He is the only one who can make decisions about His creation, yet is transcendent – completely independent from His creation.

(b) The importance of these themes is that these verses allow Muslims to learn and understand something about God in a way relevant to them. The theme of God’s self-subsistence shows how certain attributes that affect humans do not affect Him, e.g. sleep. He has the knowledge and power over all things and this passage is used as a prayer for protection. It was said by the Prophet to be one of the best passages of the Qur’an, so Muslims might recite it daily for protection. Candidates could say how they use Ayat ul Kursi in their lives.

Structure of Answer

<p>(a) Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah in Himself. ▪ Emphasis on Oneness of Allah. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 “And your god is one God. There is no deity [worthy of worship] except Him...” [02:163] ▪ Allah’s unique attributes such as: being free from Human weaknesses, unlimited power and unchallengeable authority, limitless knowledge etc. ▪ His throne represents His power. 	<p>(b) Importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muslims should avoid shirk (polytheism) ✓ As this verse proves God’s oneness. ▪ Muslims should be cautious about their deeds. ✓ As Allah knows everything and watching over all the time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 “And to Allah belong the unseen [aspects] of the heavens and the earth and to Him will be returned the matter, all of it...” [11:123] ▪ Muslims should never lose hope seek His help. ✓ As Allah controls and disposes all events independently. ❖ Verse of Protection. (Mention benefits of recitation)
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Passage No 2. Surah Al-An’aam (6:101-103)

بَدِيعَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ أَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ صَاحِبَةً ۚ وَخَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ ۚ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ. ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۚ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۚ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ. لَا تُدْرِكُهُ الْأَبْصَارُ وَهُوَ يُدْرِكُ الْأَبْصَارَ ۚ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ

101. To Him is due the primal origin of the heavens and the earth: how can He have a son when He has no consort? He created all things, and He has full knowledge of all things. 102. That is Allah, your Lord! there is no god but He, the Creator of all things: then worship Him: and He has power to dispose of all affairs. 103. No vision can grasp Him, but His grasp is over all vision: He is above all comprehension, yet is acquainted with all things.



[J/2010] [J/2013] [N/2015]

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are God’s power; His knowledge of everything; that people should turn to God and worship Him. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g., He is the only one to control the heavens and the earth. Everything originates with Him. Although humans cannot understand Him, He understands everything in creation. He is the one who has the power to help humans, and He hears and sees all that they do, therefore they should worship Him and pray to Him to reward their actions.

(b) These teachings emphasize the importance of tawhid for Muslims. The only relationship He has is with His creation; he has no partners or offspring. Mankind is asked to worship Him as it says in this passage that only He can fulfil their needs, so Muslims should be careful to pray and fast, etc. to fulfil their obligation to Him. He also sees and hears all that humankind does, so Muslims should keep this in mind in all that they do and say. In a world where there are lots of distractions, this surah could remind Muslims that they should always remember their Creator as He is the ultimate authority over their affairs.

Structure of Answer

<p>(a) Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah in Himself. ▪ Allah is the originator of everything. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 “Praise is [due] to Allah, who created the heavens and the earth and made the darkness and the light...” [06:01] ▪ Allah’s limitless knowledge and control over universe. ▪ Counter logic for polytheists. ▪ Allah’s uniqueness as He is beyond our comprehension. 	<p>(b) Importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muslims should reinforce that Allah is Originator and Controller of universe. ▪ Muslims should avoid Shirk. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As this proves that He has no consort. 📖 “So know, that there is no God except Allah...” [47:19] ▪ Muslims should be very cautious about their deeds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allah’s attribute ‘Al-Khabeer’ (All knowing) demands so. ▪ Muslims should never lose hope and stay motivated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allah’s attribute ‘Al-Wakeel’ (Disposer of all events) demands so.
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Passage No 3. Surah Fussilat (41:37)

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ ۚ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

Among His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Adore not the sun and the moon, but adore Allah, who created them, if it is Him you wish to serve.

[J/2010] [N/2011] [J/2013] [N/2014] [N/2017]

Marking Scheme

(a) God as Creator: God creates and controls everything. God's signs: order of the sun and the moon are God's signs for humankind. They are signs of His power. Tawhid/Lord of mankind: Only He should be worshipped; no-one is equal to Him. A negation of paganism; the sun and moon are not to be worshipped.

(b) The importance is that it creates a strong link with God so Muslims do not look up to anything/anyone else, famous people, money, etc., and they worship only Him. Stops them from committing shirk. God's signs invite Muslims to observe their environment. Creates awe and wonder to help get closer to Him. Reminds humankind that He is the creator of all things.

Structure of Answer

<p>(a) Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah in Himself. ▪ Allah is the Creator of everything. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 “Allah is the Creator of all things, and He is, over all things, Disposer of affairs.” [39:62] ▪ Signs of Allah’s existence and His creation. ▪ Importance of Oneness. 	<p>(b) Importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muslims should reinforce that Allah is creator of everything. ▪ Muslims should ponder over the creation of Allah. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This will lead them to their creator. ▪ Muslims should avoid shirk and worship only one God. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As Allah demands in this verse. 📖 “Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him...” [04:36]
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Passage No 4. Surah Shura (42:4-5)

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ. تَكَادُ السَّمَاوَاتُ يَتَفَطَّرْنَ مِنْ فَوْقِهِنَّ ۗ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: and He is most high, most great. The heavens are almost rent asunder from above them, and the angels celebrate the praises of their Lord, and pray for forgiveness for beings on earth: Behold! Verily Allah is He, the oft-forgiving, the most merciful.

[J/2012] [J/2013] [J/2016]

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are that His Majesty and greatness is being confirmed; God is the Creator; forgiveness and guidance are given from God to humanity. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g. saying the heavens are almost torn apart due to His greatness above them; He is the owner of everything because He created it; the angels pray for the guidance of humans on earth, as it is God who is the forgiving, the merciful.

(b) The importance here is that God tells humankind of His power and control over all things, so they should remember that they do not have any power in comparison. God is Merciful, even when Muslims have committed wrong actions, so Muslims have someone to turn to in times of need. As God is merciful to humankind, they in turn should be grateful and also try to be forgiving of others, even if they have been hurt or injured.

Structure of Answer

(a) Theme:	(b) Importance:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah in Himself. ▪ Allah is the Owner of everything, the Highest and Greatest. 📖 “So exalted is Allah, the True King...” [23:116] ▪ Allah’s wrath and Glory. ▪ Allah’s matchless mercy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Belief in Allah’s ownership and control will have great impact on Muslims’ lives. ▪ Muslims should not commit those sins that ignite Allah’s wrath. ✓ Because Allah’s wrath is horrible. 📖 “...Indeed We, from the criminals, will take retribution.” [32:22] ▪ Muslims should never hesitate to repent even after committing uncountable sins. ✓ Because Allah’s mercy overcomes his wrath.

Passage No 5. Surah Ikhlas (112)

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَمَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

Say: He is Allah, the one and only; Allah, the eternal, absolute; He does not beget, nor is He begotten; And there is none like Him.

[J/2010] [N/2012] [J/2013] [J/2014] [N/2016] [J/2017]

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are: God as one: *tawhid*; God being eternal; God being unique. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g., by saying this is the main surah specifically revealed to describe *tawhid*; it describes how God is the only one deity and that He does not have a beginning nor end; God is unlike anyone or anything in creation. He has no partners or family, does not have anyone to share His authority nor any children; it forms one of the Surahs of protection.

(b) The importance of stressing the Oneness of God is so that people do not take other people or created things as their Lord, so they should not replace God with things like famous people/saints, or place anyone or anything alongside Him. It ensures they know that God does not have family, so they will avoid making the mistake of believing in God having children or a partner, or anyone to share in His authority. Gives them clarity and allows them to develop a relationship with God.

Structure of Answer

(a) Theme:	(b) Importance:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah in Himself. ▪ Was revealed to describe Oneness. ▪ Belief in Allah’s Oneness. 📖 “He is Allah, other than whom there is no God...” [59:23] ▪ Allah’s absolute and independent existence. ▪ Other aspects of oneness: Allah being matchless and free from family or associates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muslims should avoid shirk. ▪ Muslims should understand unique, absolute and independent existence of Allah. ▪ Impact of rejection of God’s family. 📖 “And your Allah is One Allah. There is no god but He...” [2:163] ❖ Significance: Equal to 1/3 of Quran.

Topic: Quranic Passages (6-10)

Theme 2: Allah’s relationship with created world

- This theme includes Quranic Passages No 6-10.
- All passages of this theme are about **relationship of Allah with his creations mainly humans**.
- As the topic is same, a lot of points will be repeated in both part (a) and Part (b) of Passages 6-10.

Passage No 6. Surah Fatiha (01)

Translation: In the name of Allah, most gracious, most merciful. Praise be to Allah, the cherisher and sustainer of the worlds; Most gracious, most merciful; Master of the day of judgment. You we worship, and your aid we seek. Show us the straightway, The way of those to whom You have given your grace, not those who earn your anger, nor those who go astray.

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are that God is the Lord of creation; He gives guidance to humans; He is the Merciful; He is One. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g., it is God who presides over judgement and controls the worlds. God gives guidance to those who ask. This surah is used as a prayer. He is the one to ask for forgiveness, and it is He who can grant forgiveness for anything. He is Master of all creation so only He is deserving of worship.

(b) This is recited in every prayer. 'No prayer is accepted without Fatiha.' It is a conversation with God and He is the Creator, and God is replying to each verse. Through it, humans communicate with God. Muslims use this to ask for guidance (given in the Qur'an and sunna), for mercy and help, even outside the prayer. Submitting to God brings humbleness into lives, and because Muslims are accountable to God they pray to be guided on the straight path.

Structure of Answer

<p>(a) Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah’s relationship with created world. ▪ Allah being Originator, Sustainer and Lord of the Universe. ▪ Allah’s Mercy for humans is matchless. 📖 Ref: “...Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.” [39:53] ▪ Only Allah is to be worshiped and asked for help. ▪ Importance of divine guidance. 	<p>(b) Importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muslims should be Thankful to Allah in return of his uncountable blessings. ▪ Muslims should be Cautious about their deeds. (Righteousness) Because Allah will do a transparent scrutiny of our deeds on the day of judgement. 📖 Ref: “So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.” [99:7-8] ▪ Muslims should always ask for Allah’s help and Divine Guidance. So, they shouldn’t go astray. ❖ Significance: This Surah is called “Ummul-Quran” (The Mother of Quran) No Prayer is accepted without recitation of Surah Fatiha as per Hadith.
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Passage No 7. Surah Al-Baqarah (2:21-22)

Translation: O people! Adore your Guardian-Lord, who created you and those who came before you, so that you may have the chance to learn righteousness; Who has made the earth your couch, and the heavens your canopy; and sent down rain from the heavens; and by it brought forth fruits for your sustenance; then do not set up rivals to Allah, when you know.

Marking Scheme

(a) This passage talks about tawhid and emphasizes that God is the Creator of everything. Candidates could talk about what God has created for the benefit of mankind (guidance, fertile earth, shade and water from sky), so they should be grateful to God, and use the environment with respect. It also suggests that mankind should not commit the greatest sin of associating partners/rivals with God, for He is the only Creator and Sustainer.

(b) This passage represents the themes of God and His creation, and His oneness, through the natural world. Candidates could talk about the words used to show how the natural world is a comfort for mankind, and so they should look after it. They could

reflect upon the natural world and the benefits it holds for them. Humans should acknowledge who their sustenance has come from as He is the only creator of everything. Candidates could also talk about ways in which Muslims can be grateful to God.

Structure of Answer

<p>(a) Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Theme is Allah’s relationship with created world. Emphasis on Allah’s creations (Heavens, Earth, Rain and Fruits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “Indeed, God is the possessor of bounty for all people” [2:243] Allah lets us survive and gives chance to be righteous. These creations are the biggest evidence of Allah’s existence. 	<p>(b) Importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form of address ‘O people’ inspires Muslims to broaden their minds and put humanity first. Muslims should ponder over the creation of Allah. ✓ This will lead them to their creator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “Indeed! There are signs for people who give thought” [13:4] Muslims should avoid shirk.
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Passage No 8. Surah Al-Alaq (96:1-5)

Translation: Read! in the name of your Lord, who created, Created man out of a clot of congealed blood: Proclaim! And your Lord is most bountiful, He who taught by the pen, Taught man what he did not know.

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are: God as Creator; God as the Most Generous; the first revelation/knowledge. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g., God as Creator is shown in this sura through the way humans were created from a clot; He gives creation what they need, in this case, knowledge of God; importance of the first revelation is that it was the beginning of Islam and prophet hood, and there’s an emphasis on seeking knowledge to learn about faith and God.

(b) Importance of this Surah is that it allows humans to understand how God created them, and how He bestows knowledge upon them. Seeking knowledge is encouraged and so humankind should try their best to learn throughout their lives, especially religious knowledge so they can get to know their Lord. Each subject, RE, science, etc. has a value to it and can help humans get closer to God. It also helps Muslims understand how prophet hood and Islam started and they should reflect upon what God has sent down for them to help them live their lives. So they should be grateful to God.

Structure of Answer

<p>(a) Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Theme is Allah’s relationship with created world. Allah as The Creator, Sustainer and Teacher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “Allah is the creator of all things” [39:62] Allah’s bounties and blessings. Origin of Mankind. Importance of Knowledge. 	<p>(b) Importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muslims should believe in Allah as only Creator, Sustainer and Provider of knowledge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “We have certainly created man in the best of stature” [95:4] Inspiration to be thankful to Allah for His blessings. Humans should never forget their true status and origin. Inspiration for seeking and imparting knowledge.
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Passage No 9. Surah Az-Zilzaal (99)

Translation: When the earth is shaken to her utmost convulsion, And the earth throws up her burdens, And man, cries out: ‘What is the matter with her?’, On that day, will it declare its tidings: For that your Lord will have given her inspiration. On that day, will men proceed in companies sorted out, to be shown their deeds. Then shall anyone who has done an atom’s weight of good see it! And anyone who has done an atom’s weight of evil shall see it.

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are: God's Power; the Last Day; responsibility for actions; justice for all. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g., saying the earth is shaken, destroying what He created; He has the power to give life/death; everything will be destroyed. God gives the earth a voice to say what has been done on her, from environmental abuse to neglect of resources; people will be responsible for their actions on earth and given their accounts; God will give people their accounts, which will take them to Heaven/Hell.

(b) The last day creates a fear of accountability, reminding Muslims to stay on the straight path. Good deeds will be rewarded encouraging Muslims to do good at all times, e.g. praying, being honest and helping others. It keeps them away from

displeasurable things like lying, cheating, gossiping, not fasting etc. It helps Muslims understand the temporary nature of the world which stops them being distracted by worldly things, fashion or money, etc. Muslims feel comforted by God's justice that no good deed will go unnoticed or bad deed unpunished.

Structure of Answer

(a) Theme:	(b) Importance:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah’s relationship with created world. ▪ Allah as The Lord of Judgement day and equitable Judge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “Do they not think that they will be resurrected, for a tremendous Day” [83:4-5] ▪ Horrors of Judgement Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Horrific earthquake. ✓ Earth leaking out all its secrets. ✓ Accountability and Decision. ✓ No favors or leniency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muslims should believe in Judgement Day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Because it’s fundamental belief of Islam. ▪ Muslims should prepare for strict and fair scrutiny of our deeds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Because everything is being recorded. ▪ Lastly, it inspires them not to indulge in temporary world and keep faith in God that He will catch every criminal today or in hereafter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “Then indeed, upon Us is their account.” [88:26]

Passage No 10. Surah Al-Naas (114)

Translation: Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind, The King of mankind, The God of Mankind, From the mischief of the whisperer who withdraws, Who whispers into the hearts of mankind, Among jinn and among mankind.

Marking Scheme

(a) The main themes are: God as refuge; God as Lord; God as Protector. Candidates will develop these themes in their own way, e.g., saying that only He can help in times of need, in this case from jinn and men. Seek help only from Him; He created everything so controls everything, even mischief makers. It’s a warning of those who whisper evil/bad ideas to humans, and then disappear and leave them on their own; God is a protector from these things; it is one of the suras of protection.

(b) Through these verses Muslims get to know the kind of evils/mischief they have to be wary of. This means they should be aware of what’s happening to them so they can recognise the signs of mischief. Praying and doing good deeds strengthens reliance on God. Reciting this sura with the other ‘qul’s’ is a source of protection. God is the King so it is Him who people should seek refuge with.

Structure of Answer

(a) Theme:	(b) Importance:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Main Theme is Allah’s relationship with created world. ▪ Allah as only protector and refuge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “Do they not think that they will be resurrected, for a tremendous Day” [83:4-5] ▪ Allah as only Lord and Liable to be worshiped. ▪ Negative actions of evil forces. ▪ Allah is the only protection from all such forces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Muslims should develop relation with Allah against satan and evil forces. (Can be attained through prayer and good deeds) ▪ Muslims should seek Allah’s refuge from visible and invisible evil. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📖 Ref: “Then indeed, upon Us is their account.” [88:26] ❖ Significance: Protection from visible and invisible evil forces. (along with Surah Falaq)

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Quranic Passages

CAIE Question:

(a) Briefly describe the main theme(s) in each passage. [02]

(b) Briefly explain the importance of these themes in a Muslim's life today. [02]

Passage 11 Surah Al-Baqarah (02:30-37)

(a) Theme

- Main Theme: Allah's relationship with His Messengers.
- Story of Adam and Eve.
- Allah created Adam, this highlights Allah's relation with His Messengers being their creator.
- Allah provided Adam with knowledge, this highlights Allah's relation with His Messengers being their teacher.
- Allah gave them a great designation of 'Vicegerent', made angels prostrate in front of him and allowed him to live in Paradise highlights Allah's relation with His Messengers being the source of mercy and blessings. As Allah discusses this in Quran:
📖 "And We have certainly created you, and given you form. Then We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam"; so they prostrated, except for Iblis. He was not of those who prostrated." [7:11]
- Allah accepted apology of Adam (AS) and Eve (AS) after their expulsion from Paradise highlights Allah's relation with His Messengers being a supporter who never leaves them.

(b) Importance

- Muslims should behave according to their level and title.
 - ✓ As they're declared Supreme Being and representatives of Allah so their deeds should match their designated level.
- Muslims should realize the importance of knowledge.
 - ✓ As Allah made Angels prostrate Adam by using his knowledge.
- Muslims should be alert and ready to reject manipulation of Satan.
 - ✓ As it can be disastrous the way he got Adam and Eve (AS) expelled from Paradise.
- Muslims should never hesitate to ask forgiveness from Allah.
 - ✓ Allah is oft-forgiving as he forgave Adam and Eve.
📖 "The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful" [1:3]

Quranic Passages

CAIE Question:

- (a) Briefly describe the main theme(s) in each passage. [02]
(b) Briefly explain the importance of these themes in a Muslim's life today. [02]

Passage 12 Surah Al-An'aam (6:75-79)

(a) Theme

- Main Theme: Allah's relationship with His Messengers.
- Story of Ibrahim (AS) how he proved Allah's Oneness through logical and lenient way of preaching. He proved that stars, moon and sun that can't even control their own visibility, ups and downs, cannot be God.
- This passage proves that Allah can be found through His signs in His creations.
📖 Ref: "...Adore not the sun and the moon, but adore Allah, who created them..." [41:37]
- This further lays emphasis on ideological base of Islam that is Oneness of Allah.

(b) Importance

- Muslims should adopt logical approach and lenient method to preach Allah's message.
📖 Ref: "And speak to him (Pharaoh) with gentle speech..." [20:44]
- Muslims should reinforce their faith by thinking critically and seeking signs in Allah's creation. Because faith has to be backed up by strong evidences and logics.
- Muslims must avoid blind faith even Allah (SWT) demotivates blind faith.
- Muslims should stay away from Shirk because Allah does not like to have associates or any family.

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Quranic Passages

CAIE Question:

(a) Briefly describe the main theme(s) in each passage. [02]

(b) Briefly explain the importance of these themes in a Muslim's life today. [02]

Passage 13 Surah Al-Maidah (05:110)

(a) Theme

- Main Theme: Allah's relationship with His Messengers.
- Story of Jesus (AS) how he was supported by Allah:
 - ✓ Knowledge of Gospel and wisdom.
 - ✓ Spoke and defended his mother in cradle.
 - ✓ Healing blind, lepers and bringing dead back to life.
 - ✓ Giving life to clay figures.
- 📖 Ref: "[Jesus] said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet" [19:30]
- He was still rejected by a lot of people. This clarifies that Allah wants His Prophets to put efforts and does not bind them to produce results.
- Repetition of 'by my leave' clarifies that Allah's plan is behind everything.

(b) Importance

- Muslims should never forget Allah's blessings.
 - ✓ As Allah even reminded his blessings upon his messengers.
- Muslims should believe in Prophets' miracles.
 - 📖 Ref: "...Indeed, I have come to you with a sign from your Lord..." [03:49]
- Muslims should never give up or lose hope upon rejections and defeats.
 - ✓ As Allah does not bind us to produce results. He just looks at our efforts.
- Muslims should never complain/mourn over any loss/thing they don't like.
 - ✓ Because everything happens by Allah's command and for a reason.

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Passage 14 Surah Al-Duha (93)

(a) Theme

- Main Theme: Allah's relationship with His Messengers.
- Interval of revelation and propaganda of Quraysh that Allah has left Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
- Allah's consolation and affirmation that He will never leave him.
- Allah's promise of success in near future and emphasis on hope.
📖 Ref: "Indeed, with hardship (will be) ease." [94:05]
- Reminder to remember previous blessings of Allah and importance of gratitude.
- Importance of social welfare and service of humanity.

(b) Importance

- Muslims should always ignore the propaganda of enemies and focus on mission.
- Muslims should never lose hope and expect good in this life and hereafter.
- Muslims should never forget Allah's blessings and be grateful to Allah.
📖 Ref: "...Be grateful to Allah ." And whoever is grateful is grateful for [the benefit of] himself..." [31:12]
- Muslims should never persecute any human being.
- Muslims should serve humanity in any possible capacity.

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History and Importance of Quran

Major Themes of Quran

Theme 1: Allah in Himself

Q (a) Using passages you have studied, write about Quranic teachings about God in Quran. [10] [November/2013]

Marking Scheme

The passages in the syllabus relating to God in Himself are: 2.555; 6.101–103; 41.37; 42.4– 5; 112. These are not the only passages the candidates can use. Candidates can use any number of passages to write about but they should write with some detail about the suras and not merely give general comments/themes about them. Candidates may say that God tells humankind about his oneness, e.g. but they should elaborate on this by writing things like, He uses the word Ahad to tell humans about His oneness but it is not just that He is one, he does not have any partners or any children to share in His power/authority and so humans should not think of Him as like themselves. This is further emphasized by the line, there is no one like Him, meaning that no one can compare to what he looks like or what He is capable of doing. Another example could be that God tells humans about His knowledge, which is seen in passages 2.255 and 6.101–103. They could quote what these passages say about God’s Knowledge and elaborate on what this means. There may be some repetition from Q1a, but this answer should be more focused and more detailed, and the passages should be linked in some way.

Structure of Answer

Para 1 (Description of God)	Para 2 (God’s Powers)	Para 3 (Eradication of Shirk)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting intro. • Oneness of Allah. • Allah’s eternal and absolute existence and Independent status. • Allah doesn’t have any family or associates. • Allah is non comparable nor is He perceivable or visible to eyes. He is free from human weaknesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allah originated the Universe and he is the only owner of it. • Allah has full authority and control over universe. • Allah’s knowledge is limitless. • Allah as Giver of life and death. • Allah’s throne; symbol of His unmatched power. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allah alone worthy of worship and Shirk is a horrible sin. • Shirk ignites Allah’s wrath. • Perfection of Universe is the biggest evidence of Oneness.

Answer

- Prophet (PBUH) was asked about Allah’s description by Makkans, Christians of Najran and Jews of Khyber, all of them asked similar questions about God and discussed possibility of God having family or associates. Allah revealed Surah Ikhlas along with other verses to answer their questions and clarify the confusions about God. All these verses are part of the theme Allah in Himself that is one of the most important themes of Holy Quran as it introduces Allah and inspires us to believe in Allah as only One God.
- Word ‘Allah’ itself emphasize on the importance of Oneness. Although there are numerous other names but Quran mostly uses word ‘Allah’ because there is no plural form of word Allah in Arabic language. Belief in Oneness of Allah is the most important Article of Faith and building of Islamic beliefs is standing on the foundation of Oneness.
- Allah’s existence is absolute and eternal. As he describes in Surah Ikhlas: “Allah the Independent, Care free.” [112:2] this verse clarifies that Allah does not need supporters or worshippers to sustain his existence and power, but worshippers need him to sustain their existence. This verse also answers the question about creation of God and proves that no one created God. He does not have any starting and He is never going to die or vanish.
- Allah does not have any family or other type of associates. This concept answers all false beliefs about God having wife, son, daughters and other associates. As Allah mentions in Surah Jinn: “...He has not taken a wife or a son”

<p>[72:03]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> And He is non comparable and unique because He does not have physical appearance. Therefore he is not visible or perceivable to eyes. Allah says: "No vision can grasp him but his grasp is over all vision" [6:103] proves that Allah is free from any physical structure or body. He is free from all human weaknesses such as urge to eat, drink, sleep, breath and other physical needs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allah is the Creator of everything be it this universe or creations like Angels, Jinns and Humans. He alone originated the universe as He says in Holy Quran: "Indeed, your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and earth in six days..." [7:54] He also talks about creation of humankind: "And certainly did We create man from an extract of clay." [23:12] Being the only creator and caretaker of the universe Allah has full command and authority over everything. All these planets, different seasons, air, water, different types of food and execution of all other affairs are perfectly done only by Allah. He is the lone and independent king of this world and hereafter. And all of it is just result of Allah's single order, as it is described in Holy Quran. Allah says: "Whenever We will anything to be, We but say unto it Our word "BE" - and it is." [16:40]. Allah further elaborates He is different from everyone as His knowledge is limitless and He knows what is visible to us and what is beyond our reach. Allah mentions His two attributes 'The all Knowing' (Al-Aleem) and The Acquainted (Al-Khabeer) to demonstrate His matchless, limitless and comprehensive knowledge of everything. Allah also mentions His attributes of 'The Giver of Life' (Al-Muh'yi) and 'The Giver of Death' (Al-Mumeet) and declares that no one else has power to create something and then taking back their lives and then resurrecting them once again. All these unique and matchless powers belong to Allah only. Throne of Allah is a symbol of His matchless power. Allah talks about it often in Quran: "It is Allah who created the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them in six days; then He established Himself above the Throne" [32:4]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allah loves His creatures as described by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH): "ALLAH is more merciful to His believing servants than that mother could ever be to her child." [Bukhari] But He does not like shirk. As it is described in Holy Quran: "Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills..." [4:48] Shirk is a horrible sin that ignites Allah's wrath and His anger is so horrible that heavens could burst asunder by the might, Glory and fear of Allah. Allah says: "If there were in them gods besides Allah, they would both have been in disorder. So glory be to Allah, the Lord of the Throne, being above what they describe" [21:22] this verse proves that systematic execution of all affairs and perfection of universe is the biggest evidence of Oneness of Allah. Allah introduces Himself to be approachable through wonders and artistry of His creation and beauty of His master plan.

Q (a) How might these teachings affect a Muslims' life today? [04] [November/2013]

➤ Choose any 4	
Teachings	Effect on Muslims' life
Allah is The Disposer of all events (Al-Wakeel) and he can change any scenario.	Inspires Muslims not to lose hope and keep asking for God's help.
Allah's matchless and unlimited knowledge.	Warns Muslims to be cautious about their deeds as Allah knows everything we are doing openly or hidden.
Allah is Giver of life and death.	Inspires Muslims to be thankful to Allah for His great blessing of life and not to be scared of anyone else except Allah as no one can take back their lives.
Perfection of universe is the biggest evidence of Oneness of Allah.	Inspires Muslims to ponder over God's artistry in creation and gives them a new dimension to find God.
Shirk is a horrific sin and Allah does not have family or associates.	Inspires Muslims to rectify their beliefs and avoid associating partners with Allah in any capacity.

Theme 2: Allah’s relationship with created world

Q (a) From passages you have studied from the Qur’an, write about God’s relationship with humankind. [10][J/2012]

Q (a) Using Qur’an passages from the syllabus, describe what the Qur’an teaches about God’s responsibility to His creatures and their duties towards Him. [10][J/2013]

Structure of Answer

Para 1 (Short Intro)	Para 2 (God’s favors)	Para 3 (Humans’ duties)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Allah is: • Most Merciful. • The Cherisher and Sustainer. • Lord of the universe and Judgement day. • Allah is Just and equitable Judge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allah created us. • Bestowed us with knowledge. • Gave us a very high status of His ‘Vicegerent’ (Representative) and ‘Supreme Being’. • Provided us with suitable environment, rain, food and water. • He guides us and forgives our sins. • Protects us from evil forces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Allah expects us to: • Worship him alone and stay away from shirk. • Be thankful, obedient and abide by the rules given by Him. • Prepare for accountability on Judgement Day. • Ponder over signs of Allah in universe. • Seek refuge of Allah.

Answer

- Allah’s relationship with creation is one of the most important themes of Quran as it describes the ways in which Allah is connected with His creations, the ways in which He bestows them with His blessings and favors and what He expects them to do in return.
- Allah is connected with His creation in different ways as His mercy encompasses everything; He cherishes them and sustains them. He is the only Lord of universe who owns everything and will be the only authority on judgement day. Allah is just and equitable Judge who will judge them without any injustice or favoritism.
- The first and most important link between God and creation is that He created everything. The biggest blessing of Allah is that he created humans despite he had uncountable angels who were enough to worship him and to obey his commands but still he created us. He did not only create us but made sure that we are in best possible stature. As he says:
 - ☞ “We have certainly created man in the best of stature” [95:04]
- Furthermore, Allah presents Himself as Teacher and Provider of knowledge to all humans. He says:
 - ☞ “Taught man that which he knew not.” [96:05]

There can be other creatures that are physically strong and more capable as compared to human beings but what makes us unique and superior is our knowledge and thinking and deciding capacity.
- After blessing humans with knowledge, Allah got us approved and acknowledged by His Angels as they all prostrated in front of Adam and recognized His superiority. This way Allah declared humans His vicegerents on earth as He describes:
 - ☞ “Behold, your Lord said to the Angels: ‘I will create a vicegerent on earth’...” [02:30]

Allah also blessed us with another title of ‘Supreme Being’.
- Allah is the possessor of all bounties and provides humans with resources that they need. As He mentions:
 - ☞ “And He has completed and perfected His Graces upon you, both apparent and hidden” [31:20]

He sends down rains, allows food to grow, blessed us with breathable air, drinkable water, minerals that our survival depends upon and over all environments that has everything creations need in order to survive.
- Allah has blessed with intellect and reason so we can find the reason of our existence and solution to our problems. But human intellect has a limit and it is unable to push some boundaries set by the Creator. To push those boundaries and to know what is beyond it, humans need divine guidance of God that is revealed to Prophets and conveyed to humankind. Furthermore, Allah highlights His mercy and forgiveness and states His unique attribute of love and extreme mercy. According to a narration Allah distributed mercy into 100 parts and kept 99 with him and

distributed remaining one part among all creatures. Allah describes it:

📖 "Say, 'O my servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.'" [39:53]

- He also declares that only Allah has the power to protect humans from all types of visible and invisible evil forces and motivates His creation to seek His refuge in order to stay protected.
- Allah expects humans to worship Him alone and not associate any family members or partners with Allah (SWT). Shirk has been declared a horrible sin that ignites Allah's wrath which is why it is expected from humans to believe in Allah's oneness in existence, worship and His attributes.
- He further asks us to be thankful to Him for His uncountable blessings. As he mentioned:

📖 "...Be grateful to Allah." And whoever is grateful is grateful for [the benefit of] himself..." [31:12]

 He also expects recognition and obedience and wants people to follow the set of principles given by Him. Allah clarifies a simple logic that creation should lead a life based upon the instructions given by the creator. They should consider Halal/Haram as per commandments of God.
- ❑ Allah expects us to be mindful of the fact that this world is just a test phase which will determine our eternal life. So, all deeds should be done keeping in mind that Allah is watching over us and a comprehensive record of our good and bad deeds is being recorded that will be presented in front of us and we will be judged according to it.

📖 "So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it." [99:7-8]
- ❑ Allah inspires people to ponder over the creation of God. He instructs us to find in our own selves, in the environment around us, in circumstances of past, present and future. He says:

📖 "...Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought." [13:03]
- ❑ Lastly, He instructs us to seek His refuge of Allah in order to stay protected from visible and invisible evil powers.

Q (b) 'The Qur'an teaches that humans should be responsible towards the environment.' Give reasons to agree or disagree with this statement. [04][J/2015]

Marking Scheme

- ❑ Candidates can choose to agree or disagree but they have to give a reason for their choice.
- ❑ If they agree they could, for example, say that God has given humankind everything it needs for its survival and comfort, and they should not abuse this privilege by being ungrateful or wasteful.
- ❑ If they disagree they could say, e.g., that everything has been provided by God and it is there to use for humans' benefit therefore there is no sin in using it how they please, or that everything is known by God therefore humans do not need to worry about how they act, as God can restore whatever is depleted.

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Theme 3: Allah’s Messengers

Q (a) From the Qur’an passages set for special study in the syllabus, describe the ways in which God gave knowledge of Himself to His Messengers. [10] [J/2017]

Structure of Answer

Para 1 (Allah & Prophet Adam)	Para 2 (Prophet Ibrahim and Jesus)	Para 3 (Allah and Prophet Muhammad PBUH)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ways (steps of story): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allah created Adam. ▪ Blessed Him with knowledge. ▪ Made Angels prostrate for Him. ▪ Blessed Him with titles of ‘Vicegerent’ (Representative). ▪ Gave Him chance to live in Paradise. ▪ Forgave Him when he repented after making mistake. <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons/Knowledge taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allah is the Creator. ▪ Allah is the possessor and Provider of knowledge. ▪ Allah is the Possessor of all bounties. ▪ Allah is Oft-Forgiving and Merciful. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prophet Ibrahim (AS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ways (steps of story): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ibrahim’s (AS) debate with polytheists. ▪ His understanding of law and order of universe. <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons/Knowledge taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allah’s Oneness. ▪ Allah’s control over creation. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prophet Jesus (AS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ways (steps of story): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Miracles of Jesus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Knowledge of Gospel and wisdom. ✓ Spoke and defended his mother in cradle. ✓ Healing blind, lepers and bringing dead back to life. ✓ Giving life to clay figures. <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons/Knowledge taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allah’s existence and support for His Messengers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ways (steps of story): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tests and Hardships. ▪ Support and consolation. ▪ Promise of success and abundance. <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons/Knowledge taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allah’s guidance, mercy and generosity.

Answer

- Allah (SWT) maintains a very strong relationship with His Messengers and teaches them about His existence using different and unique ways. Allah Created Adam (AS) out of clay despite already having a wonderful creation Angels who were obedient and lawful. Angels even raised the concern and indicated potential bloodshed and mischief that will be done by humans. But Allah bestowed Adam with knowledge of names and presented Him in front of angels and made them prostrate for Adam out respect and recognition. Later on, blessed Adam with the greatest status and said:
 ﴿﴾ “Behold, your Lord said to the Angels: ‘I will create a vicegerent on earth’...” [02:30]
 Iblis refused to bow for Adam, because of Which Allah banished him and snatched the great status that was given to him by Allah. Satan planned to manipulate and misguide humankind in return and challenged Allah that he will make humankind forget the path designated by Allah. Adam and Eve then given chance to live in Paradise with one condition that they would not go nearby a specific tree. Satan manipulated Adam and tricked him to believe that it is the tree of eternity and made them eat out of it. Allah exiled Adam and Eve from Paradise and banished them to earth. But when they repented and asked for forgiveness, Allah forgave them and allowed them to be together.
- Through all these above mentioned incidents and ways, Allah taught Adam that He is the only powerful creator of everything who can create anything out of nothing. Allah is the only possessor of true and unlimited knowledge and He is the sole provider of knowledge to all beings as He provided to Adam. Allah is The Possessor of all bounties as He blessed Adam with Life in Paradise, great status and recognition by Angels. Lastly, Allah taught Adam about His matchless mercy when He forgave his mistake.
- Verses of Surah Al-An’aam describe Ibrahim’s (AS) debate with polytheists who used to worship sun, moon and stars. Ibrahim (AS) was given understanding of law and order of universe; he knew the systematic working of day and night and Allah’s artistry in creation and management of sun, moon and stars. God inspired him to realize that the things in



creation that do not last cannot be the things to be worshipped as God does not change. Through these events he turned himself to believe in God and did not associate partners with Him. Through all these events and incidents, Allah taught Ibrahim lesson of His Oneness and His control over everything in this universe and he testified it by saying:

📖 "Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah." [06:79]

- God taught Jesus (AS) about Himself by support given to him through miracles. When people assassinated his mother's (Mary) character, He spoke in her cradle and defended her, He was given the knowledge of Gospel, law and wisdom to understand and spread it. He would cure lepers and blind, bring dead back to life and blow into clay figures and they turn into real birds. Allah strengthened Prophet Jesus through all these miracles and helped him throughout his mission. As Allah says:

📖 "[Jesus] said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet" [19:30] Through all this Jesus (AS) learned about God and that He helps His messengers in mysterious ways.

- Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was given knowledge of God through events and circumstances he faced in his life. Prophet (PBUH) faced hardships and tests as he was born orphan, he saw his loved ones die in early age, he faced financial crisis and started working as shepherd while he was so young. He faced opposition and torture but he succeeded in all tests because of Allah's constant support and consolation. Allah helped him in every step of life, He consoled him when Quraysh mocked him during interval of revelation and revealed Surah Duha and reassured His support:

📖 "Your Lord has neither forsaken you, nor is He displeased." [93:03]

Similarly, when they teased him and called him 'Abtar' (Cutoff), Allah defended him and consoled him by saying:

📖 "Surely your enemy is the one cutoff." [108:03]

Allah gave him glad tidings of success in future and promised the gift of Abundance that is a complete package of rewards including a river/stream in paradise.

- Through all these events, Allah taught Prophet (PBUH) about His guidance as He guides His people especially Messengers and does not let them go astray, God's mercy and His generosity by blessing him with uncountable rewards.

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