

Sura Hadid

1. **What does 'Hadid' mean? The sura lists some of the benefits of it (Hadid) – list what they are. Give the ayat number.**

Hadid means 'iron'. Ayah #25 tells us that:

- a) it has been sent down from above (which is congruous with modern scientific claims that iron came to earth from meteors and is not an original part of the earth's make-up)
- b) that it is extremely strong
- c) there are benefits in it for people

What is the symbol for hadid on the Periodic Table of Elements? What number element is it on the table?

Fe; 26

What is the most widely used metal – and accounts for 95% of total metal production in the world?

Iron!

2. **This sura starts with the word: سَبَّحَ ; what does this mean in English?**

Praise or Glory

Six other suras in the Holy Quran begin in a similar manner – what is the name of such surahs in the Qur'an that start with the glorification of Allah (swt)? Name the six other suras in this category.

They are known as 'al-Musabbihat' ("The Glorifiers"). The other six are: Suras Israa (#17), Hashr (#59), Saff (#61), Jumu'a (#62), Taghabun (#64), A'la (#87).

3. **Which 3 prophets are mentioned in this sura?**

Prophet Nuh, Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Isa

4. **In this sura, Allah (swt) tells the believers to prove that they actually believe – what is the main way in which they are expected to prove their belief? Give the ayat number(s).**

They are told to prove their belief by spending in Allah's (swt) way and giving in charity (Ayats #7 and #10)

5. **Islam teaches us that sadaqa does not have to be monetary – even a smile is charity!**
Before you colour the picture below, describe what you see. What can you do to help?



This is just some possible answers:
 The old man is struggling to walk; you can hold his hand and guide him across the street.

There's a poor man who doesn't have many clothes; you can give him some clothes. He also doesn't look too well and might be hungry/thirsty. You can give him some food and water. You can pray to Allah (swt) to give him a speedy recovery.

You can go to both these individuals and wish them a blessed Ramadhan! There is a beautiful Ramadhan dua that we recite every day to pray to Allah (swt) to help people like this in the world...do you know which one?

6. **In ayat #20, Allah (swt) gives a bird's eye view of what the life of this world is all about for most people. Five phases are mentioned – list them.**

This world's life is nothing but: playing, entertainment, adornment, competing and showing off, amassing wealth and children.

7. **In contrast to the above, in ayat #21, the believers are urged to 'race towards' something – what is it?**

They are urged to race towards Allah's (swt), Heaven and all that is good.

8. **This sura describes the attitude that a believer should have when afflicted with a calamity. What does it offer as a solution in this situation? Give the ayat number(s).**

Ayats #22-23: The solution is firstly to bear in mind that no calamity afflicts us without Allah's (swt) knowledge and permission, which is easy for Him. And secondly that believers should not despair over their losses nor be overjoyed at what they are given, but maintain a balance in between so they remain unaffected.

9. **In this sura, a graphic description of the Day of Judgment is given where the believers are contrasted against the hypocrites. Define the word 'hypocrisy.'**

Hypocrisy is when you pretend to be one thing but you're actually another; it is the false appearance of virtue or goodness, while concealing real character traits or inclinations; a sham. Hypocrisy involves a deception of others and is therefore a lie.

Ayats #12-15 tell of a special thing that the believers will have and that the hypocrites long for on the Day of Judgment – what is that special thing?

A special light that will light up their path ahead of them and to their right. The hypocrites will beg them to wait up for them so they can grab some of the light, but they will be told to go back and find their own light (since they didn't come with good deeds that materialised into a light)

- 10. It is customary to set resolution at the start of each New Year, in January. Try to set some resolutions for yourself this Ramadhan on how you are going to become a better person inside and out! Remember the aim is to please Allah (swt)!**

Bonus: Print out and decorate your own mini-sadaqa box! Cut-out on the next page.

