

AL ALIM CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

I. (a) I hereby announce that the regulation and syllabus for the Al Alim Examination proclaimed by the Commissioner General of Examination on 20th of 2012 to be implemented in 2013 and there in after as revised as mentioned in this notification.

II. The Scheme of Al Alim Certificate Examinations - 2013 and there after The above Examination will be held in two levels

(1) Al Alim Muthawassitha Certificate Examination

(2) Al Alim Sanaviyya Certificate Examination

General conditions, rules and regulations for the above two examinations

1. The above examinations will be conducted annually by the Commissioner General of Examinations on behalf of and on the advice of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education. Whenever the commissioner General of Examinations deems it to be necessary he may consult the Director, Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural affairs.

2. Al Alim certificate Examination has been held since 2016.

3. *Medium of Instruction.*– This examination will be conducted in Arabic Language. Except the translation questions all other questions must be answered in Arabic Language. The candidate should select only one of Sinhala, Tamil and English languages to answer the translation questions.

4. *Qualifications :*

4.1 Those who have Completed three years of study in an Arabic college registered with The Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs are eligible to sit for Al - Alim Muthawassitha Certificate Examination while those who have completed five years of study are eligible to sit for Al Alim Sanaviyya Certificate Examination.

Or

4.2 If the Principal of such an Arabic College considers that a student studying in the Arabic College is eligible to sit for the examination, then that student can sit for any one of the above two examinations. Both these category of students described under 4.1 and 4.2 can sit for the examination as Arabic Collegiate candidates.

4.3 Those who are not following a course of study in an Arabic college also can sit for these examinations as private candidates but they can apply only through an Arabic College.

4.4 A Candidate who passes the Al Alim Muthawassitha Certificate Examination is eligible to sit for Al Alim Sanaviyyah Certificate Examination.

4.5 A candidate who has not passed Al Alim Muthawassitha certificate Examination cannot apply for Al Sanaviya Certificate Examination.

05. Application forms and instructions will be sent by post to the Arabic colleges registered with the Department of Examinations for the purpose of these examinations. Those Arabic colleges which do not receive the application forms and instructions must contact the "Commissioner General of Examinations, Organization and Foreign Examinations Branch, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla" to obtain the application forms.

5.1 Applications should be prepared in duplicate and one copy should be sent to the Department of Examinations and the other copy must be filed in the Arabic college.

5.2 Forms of application must be clearly filled without errors. Incomplete or late applications will be rejected.

5.3 Closing date for the applications will be notified by means of press gazette notifications or when calling for Application.

5.4 Completed application forms must be sent by registered post to the following address.

Commissioner General of Examinations,
Organization and Foreign Examinations Branch,
National Examination and Testing Service
Department of Examinations,
P.O. Box 1503,
Colombo.

06. *Examination Fee :*

6.1 Fresh (first attempt) Arabic collegiate candidates will not be levied a fee, Candidates applying for a second or later attempt and all private candidates must pay examination fee.

6.2 *Method of Payment.*– The fee must be paid at a post office and the receipt obtained should be attached to the application form.

From time to time, the amount and the mode of payment of the examination fee will be notified by the Department of Examinations.

07. Admission cards for the examination will be distributed through the principals of the relevant Arabic colleges.

7.1 Each candidate must submit the admission card to the exam supervisor on the first instance he/she appears for the examination. Failing to do so, will result in losing the candidature.

7.2 Candidate's signature on the admission card must be attested by the Principal of the relevant Arabic College.

08. *Identity of Person.*– Each candidate must submit any one of the following for personal identification :

(a) National Identity Card

(b) A valid pass port.

09. Towns where Examination Centres will be Established.

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| (i) Eastern Province | Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Kalmunai, Akkaraipattu. |
| (ii) Western Province | Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara |
| (iii) Southern Province | Galle, Matara. |
| (iv) North Western Province | Puttalam, Kurunegala. |
| (v) Central Province | Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya |
| (vi) North Central Province | Anuaradhapura, Polonnaruwa |
| (vii) Uva Province | Badulla, Monaragala |
| (viii) Sabaragamuwa Province | Mawanella, Ratnapura, Kegalle |
| (ix) Northern Province | Vavuniya, Mannar, Jaffna |

In case of insufficient number of applicants for a town, the examination centre there will be shifted to the nearest town. The Commissioner General of Examinations, according to his discretion may or may not establish examination centres in the above towns or elsewhere.

10. *Re Scrutiny of Answer Scripts.*— Application for re scrutiny will be accepted within 30 days from the date of releasing the results. Application should be made according to the specimen form issued by the Department of Examinations through the principal of the relevant Arabic College in respect of both the collegiate and the private Candidates. A fee must be paid and will be refunded only if the results get changed.

11. Al Alim Muthawassitha Certificate Examination (year 2013 and thereafter)

Details of examination.— This examination consists of six question papers, one for each of the following six subjects. Each question. paper will be of 3 hours duration.

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| 1. Al Lukathul Arabiyyah | Arabic Language and Wal Adhab - 1 Literature - 1 |
| 2. Al Qur'anul Kareem | Al Qur'anul Kareem |
| 3. Al Hadhees Nabavi | Sayings of the Prophet |
| 4. Al Fikhul Islami | Islamic Law |
| 5. Ath Tharbiya Al Islamiyya | Islamic code of Ethics |
| 6. Aththareekul Islami | Islamic History |

12. *Syllabus :*

1. Al Lukathul Arabiyyah Wal Adhab - 1 Arabic Language and Literature - 1

Ability to organize and express opinion and thought will be tested. Translation of unspecified texts, Essay writing, Grammar and Studies on language also will be tested.

Prescribed Text Books :

- Al Arbiyathul Linnashi'een Section 1,2,3 : Mahmud Ismail Zeeni, Nasib Mustapha Abdul Azeez, Mukthar, Thahir Hussain.
- Majmoo athunnahv - The sections of Meezan, Ajnas, Thaqweemullisan, Al Awamil
- Mudhammimadhul Aajooroomiyya - Muhhammath Ibnu Muhammath Arraeni.
- Annahuwul Wadhah Al Marhala Al Ifthithayiah Juz'u 1,2,3 : Ali Jasim, Mustafa Ameen

2. *Al Quran ul Kareem.*— Memorization of Juz'u Amma, General understanding of Al Qur'an including translation, concise meaning and understanding of rules of Thajweedh.

Prescribed Text Books :

- Hidhayathul Musthabeeth - As Sheikh Mahmoothul Mahmooth
- Thafseer Al Jalalaine - Imam Jalaluddeen Assuyoothi

3. Al Hathees Un Nabavi - Sayings of the Prophet

- General understanding of Hathees as the fundamental source of law
- Meanings of Hathees
- Memorizing specified Hathees and
- Hathees in relation to law will be tested in this question paper.

Prescribed Text Books :

- Al Arbaonan Navaviya - Imam Navavi (rah)
- Sathuth Thalibeen - Moulana Muhammath Ashik Ilahi

4. *Al Fikh ul Islami - Islamic Law :*

- * Knowledge and understanding of Islamic law and
- * Ability to draw legal solutions for issues arising at periodically of time will be tested in this paper.

Prescribed Text book :

Madnu Abeeshujah - Al Qali Abi Shujah Ahmadh
Ibnu Hussain Ahamadh Al Isfahani.

5. *Ath Tharbiyah Al Islamiyyah - Islamic Code of Ethics.*

Knowledge of Islamic Practices, Islamic ethics and
Islamic conduct will be tested in this question
paper.

Prescribed Text books :

Tha'leemul Mutha'allim - Burhanul Islam as sarnooji
Hisnul Muslim - Sa'eedh Ibnu Ali Ibnuwahb Al Kahdhani

6. *Ath Thareekul Islami - Islamic History :*

Understanding of Jahileeya Period,
The History of Muhammed (Sal) from his birth to
Wafath and
Kulafaur Rashidun - Their characters, Achievements,
Administration and expansion of rule

Prescribed Text book :

Tharikhul Islami - Hassan Ibrahim Hassan

13. *Structure of the question papers.* – There are two parts
in each question paper.

Part 1 - Consists of 10 structured questions for which
short answers are expected. All ten questions must
be answered. Each answer carries 4 marks. 40
marks are allocated for this part.

Part II - One essay type question and six semi
structured questions are included in this part of
the paper. Essay type question is compulsory and
carries 20 marks. Out of the six semi structured
questions, selected four should be answered. Each
of these questions contain two parts A and B which
carry 5 marks each making the marks allocated for
each questions 10.

14. *Criteria for a Pass in the Examination.* – While total
marks for each paper is 100, minimum of 35 should be
obtained for a pass. Grades will be awarded as shown below.

Marks	Grades
00-34	W
35-49	S
50-64	C
65-74	B
75-100	A

Those who pass in all six subjects in Al Alim
Muthawassitha Certificate Examination and at least in six
subjects including Language (Sinhala, Tamil or English)
and Mathematics in the G.C.E. (O/L) examination is
eligible to obtain Al Alim Muthawassitha Certificate from
the Department of Examinations. But the Department of
Examinations will not issue individual result sheets to all
the candidates.

15. *Release of Examination Results and Criteria for
pass.* – Those who pass in all six subjects in Al Alim
Muthawassitha Certificate Examination are considered to
have passed the Examination. Those who pass in all but
one subject are considered as deferred candidates. If the
candidate completes the deferred subject in any one of
the two immediately succeeding examination diets such
candidate will also be considered to have passed the Al Alim
Muthawassitha Certificate Examination.

To obtain Al Alim Muthawassitha Certificate, a candidate
should pass in the above Examination as well as the G.C.E.
(O.L.) Examination conducted by the Department of
Examinations in six subjects including Language (Sinhala,
Tamil or English) and Mathematics. The Department will
issue Al Alim Muthawassitha Certificate only to those who
have passed in both of these Examinations. A candidate can
obtain the certificate by properly applying to the Department
of Examinations.

16. Al Alim Sanaviyyah Certificate Examination (year
2015 and thereafter)

Details of examination. – This examination consists of six
question papers, one for each of the following six subjects.
Each question paper will be of 3 hours duration.

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| 1. Al Lukathul Arabiyyah
wal adhab - II | Arabic Language and
literature - II |
| 2. Al Qur'an Wa'ulumuhu | The Qur'an and its
sciences |
| 3. Al Hadhees Wa'ulumuhu | Hathees and its sciences |
| 4. Al Fikh ul Islami
Wausuluhu | Islamic Law and its
fundamentals |
| 5. Al Hazharathul Islamiyya | Islamic civilization |
| 6. Al Akeedhathul Islamiyya | Islamic Theology |

17. *Syllabus :*

1. Al Lukathul Arabiyyah Wal Adhab - II
Arabic Language and literature - II

Ability to organize and express thoughts and ideas,
Ability to Translate from Arabic to Sinhala/English / Tamil

and knowledge in Arabic grammar at the level given on the book *lynul Hudha fisharhikathrinnadha* will be tested. Translation passages not given on the text book, translation of Sinhala/English /Tamil texts into Arabic language and features of literature given on the text book will also be tested.

Prescribed Text book :

- (a) *Al Arbiyathul Linnashi'een* volumes 4,5,6 - : Mahmoodh Ismail Zeeni, Nasir Mustapha Abdul Azeez, Mukthar Thahir Hussain.
- (b) *Al Qira'athur Rshidha* volume - 3 (lessons 1-15) Abul Hassan Ali (Nadhvi)
- (c) *An Nahwul Walih Al Marhala* (Sanaviyyah) 1,2,3 Ali Jasim, Mustafa Ameen.
- (d) *lynul Hudha be Sharahikathrinnatha* - Assheik Udman Ali Fannani.
- (e) *Al Falakathul Wadhiha* (Kismul bayan wal bathee'u) Ali Jasim, Mustafa Ameen.

2. *Al Qur'an Waulumuhu* (The Qur'an and its Sciences). -Detailed knowledge of the contents of specified Surahs and comprehension of the Sciences of Quran will be tested.

Prescribed Text books :

- (a) *Safwathuth thabasir* - Muhammed Ali Assabooni Surha Al Mulk, Al Waqia, An Noor, Al Hujrath, Al Kahfu and Sura Yaseen
- (b) *Aththibyan Fi Ulumil Qur'an* - Muhammed Ali Assabooni

3. *Al Hadhees Wa Ulumuhu* - Hathees and its Sciences.- Hathees given in the prescribed text books, their content and application and effects of these in practical life will be tested. Technical terms related to Hadhees and their understanding; Knowledge of studies and contribution made by forefathers in order to safeguard Hadhees will also be tested.

Prescribed Text books :

- (a) *Buloohul Maram* - Ibnu hajar Al Askalani (chapters from Thahara to Nikah)
- (b) *Mishkathul Masabeeh* - Al Imam Waliyudeen Aboo Abdullah Muhammath Ibnu Abdullah Al Katheeb (Rah) (The following parts, Al Iman, Al Ihtisam bil kethabi was sunnah, Al

Ilmu, Fala'ilul Qur'an, Al Adhab, Al Fithan, Al Manaqib)

- (c) *Thaiseer Mustalahil Hadhees* - Mahmood Aththahan

4. *Al Fikh ul Islami Wusooluhu* - Islamic Law and its fundamentals.- Based on the Prescribed text books, knowledge of Fikh and Usoolul fikh and understanding of the way it is practiced in practical life will be tested.

Prescribed Text books :

- (a) *Umthathussalik Wauthathunnasik* - Imam Shahabudeen Ahamed Ibnu anna keeb Ashshafeei.
- (b) *Sharahul Warakath bee Ilmi Usoolil Fikhi* - Jalaludeen Muhammath Ibnu Ahamed Almahalli Ashshafie
- (c) *Thasheelul Wusool Ila Fahmi Ilmi Usool.*

5. *Al hazharathul Islamiyya - Islamic civilization.*- Based on the prescribed text books Islamic History from the period of Umaiya Qilafath upto the fall of Usmaniya Qilafath, and about the development of Islamic civilization will be tested.

Prescribed Text book :

Aththarikul Islami - Ibrahim bin mahmooth abdurrabi

6. *Al Akeedhathul Islamiyyah* - Islamic Theology

Knowledge and understanding of Islamic Akeedha and application of it in day to day life will be tested based on the prescribed text book.

Prescribed Text book :

Jawharathuth thawheedh - Al Imam Ibrahim Al - Likayi or

Akeedathuth Thahaweyyah - Al Imam Aboo Jawfar Ahamath Ibnu Salma Aththahavi

18. *Structure of Question paper.*- Each question paper consists of two parts (part 1 and part 11)

Part1: All Questions in part 1 are compulsory. Each of the 10 short answer type questions in this part will carry four marks, making total marks for this part forty.

Part 11: One essay type question and six semi structured questions are there in this part. Essay type question is compulsory and carries twenty marks. Selected four questions from the six semi structured questions should be answered . Each question has two parts a and b. Each of this part carry 5 marks making the Total marks for a question ten and the total for part II sixty.

19. *Criteria for a Pass in the Examination.*– Total marks for each paper is 100. Pass marks is 40.

Those who pass in all six subjects in this exam is considered to have passed this exam. A candidate who passes in five subjects but fails only in the sixth subject is considered as a referred candidate. If such a candidate passes in the failed subject in one of the two immediately succeeding examination diets he/she will also be considered to have passed in this examination.

Grades will be awarded as shown below.

Marks	Grades
00-39	W
40-54	S
55-64	C
65-74	B
75-100	A

Certificate.– Al Alim Sanaviyyah certificate will be issued to those who pass both in Al Alim Sanaviyyah Certificate Examination and any Three subjects excluding General English and Common General Test in G.C.E. (A.L.) Examination conducted by the Department of Examinations. This certificate can be obtained by promptly applying to the Department of Examinations. However all those who sit for in Al Alim Sanaviyyah Examination will be issued individual result sheets. The G.C.E. (A/L) examination is conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka. The candidate can sit for the examination according to the rules and regulations governing that examination.

Release of the examination results and Criteria for pass.– Those who pass in all six subjects in Al Alim Sanaviyyah Certificate Examination are considered to have passed the Examination. Those who fail only in one subject are considered as referred candidates. If the candidates passes the failed subject within two immediately succeeding examination diets he/she will also be considered to have passed in the Al Alim Sanaviyya Examination.

20 If any discrepancies are found between the Sinhala, Tamil and English version of this examination Scheme, the Tamil language version should be considered as the right one.

21 The Decision of the Commissioner General of Examinations will be final in any matter that is not mentioned herein.

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