

CONCENTRATION IN PRAYER

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COURSE ONE - ANSWERS



25 WAYS
TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE
AND ATTENTIVE IN YOUR
PRAYER

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- 1) Allah (SWT) remarks to that individual, who says his Prayer with least attention, alertness of mind and concentration:
 - A. O' Liar! Do you want to deceive Me?
 - B. I swear by My Splendor and Majesty that I will deprive you the pleasure of your invocations and enjoyment of personal communications with Me
 - C. **A & B**
 - D. None of the above

- 2) You have to do the following during Prayer so Allah (SWT) may fill your heart with richness and not abandon you: to what you seek and long for:
 - A. Try our best to concentrate
 - B. Empty our minds
 - C. Disengage from all other pre-occupations
 - D. **All the above**

- 3) According to as-Sadiq (AS), Allah (SWT) will close this door from us if we achieve the right mind during Prayer:
 - A. Richness
 - B. Blessings
 - C. **Poverty**
 - D. Mercy

- 4) The most esteemed and favorite deed before Allah (SWT) is:
 - A. Fasting
 - B. Giving alms to the poor
 - C. **Prayer**
 - D. Hajj

- 5) The last dying will of all the Prophets (AS) was:
 - A. Performance of supererogatory Prayers
 - B. **Prayer**
 - C. Enjoining good
 - D. Forbidding evil

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- 6) The following Infallible relates Prayer to taking a bath and cleansing oneself daily:
- A. al-Mahdi (AS)
 - B. Ali (AS)
 - C. **Ja'fer as-Sadiq (AS)**
 - D. Musa al-Kadhim (AS)
- 7) According to as-Sadiq (AS), the Prayer will not be complete except for the one who:
- A. Has full purity and a mature completeness
 - B. Is away from temptation and deviation
 - C. Lowers his fame and manifests his aim
 - D. **All the above**
- 8) According to The Qur'an and Infallible (AS), Prayer forbids:
- A. Evil
 - B. Virtue
 - C. Vice
 - D. **A & C**
- 9) In saying your Prayer, you are supposed to achieve the following qualities:
- A. Humble
 - B. Frightened
 - C. Desirous
 - D. **All the above**
- 10) The following is a highly recommended act:
- A. Fasting on Ashura
 - B. **Saying your Prayer on time**
 - C. Saying your Prayer a few minutes before the required time
 - D. None of the above

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- 11) Whoever performed the obligatory Prayer at the beginning of their times and observed their restrictions, the angels would raise them:
- A. **White and Pure**
 - B. Black and Dark
 - C. Blind
 - D. Filled with thorns in their eyes
- 12) Prayer is:
- A. The acknowledgment of the Lordship of Allah (SWT) and negating all kinds of partners and plurality for Him
 - B. Standing before the Omnipotent, with humility, humbleness and confession (of sins), and begging forgiveness of the previous sins
 - C. Placing the face on dust five times a day as (a sign of) recognition and confession of His Greatness
 - D. **All the above**
- 13) Prayer leads to:
- A. Humility, submission and humbleness towards Allah
 - B. Enthusiasm for the desire to material and spiritual progress
 - C. Constant remembrance of Allah
 - D. **All the above**
- 14) In order for you to be part of manifestation of the authority of Allah (SWT) on this earth, you must pledge the following to Allah:
- A. Complete submission
 - B. Complete bondage
 - C. Complete servitude
 - D. **All the above**
- 15) Mir Ahmed Ali (AR) narrates the following number of values that have been kept concealed by Allah (SWT), The Most High:
- A. **Seven**
 - B. Six
 - C. Eight
 - D. Four

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- 16) According to Mir Ahmed Ali (AS), the Night of Power (Qadr) is concealed in the:
- A. Fifth month
 - B. **Year as a whole**
 - C. 23rd of every month
 - D. First Ramadhan
- 17) According to Mir Ahmed Ali (AS), Prayer is heard without fail:
- A. **On one particular hour of Friday every week**
 - B. On one particular hour of Thursday every week
 - C. At the time of Morning (Fajr) Prayer
 - D. Everyday, anytime
- 18) According to Mir Ahmed Ali (AS), God's pleasure is concealed in the following so that one may always worship the Lord:
- A. Enjoining good
 - B. Fasting
 - C. Hajj
 - D. **Prayer**
- 19) The Prophet (S) in his last remaining hours of life advised his followers to take this act seriously:
- A. Giving alms to poor
 - B. Forbidding evil
 - C. Fighting in the Way of Allah
 - D. **Prayer**
- 20) The Prophet (S) was never satiated from this act:
- A. **Prayer**
 - B. Forbidding evil
 - C. Fighting in the Way of Allah
 - D. Fasting

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- 21) According to The Prophet (S), a person in a deserted place (though alone), calls Adhan and Iqamah (Call for Prayer) and says his Prayer, Allah says to the Angels, *'Look at My servant! He is praying and no one sees him but Me?'* Then descend the following number of Angels and pray behind him and seek forgiveness for him until the next day.
- A. 50,000
 - B. 60,000
 - C. Unlimited
 - D. **70,000**
- 22) The following will bear witness of that person who prays on the Day of Judgment:
- A. Earth
 - B. The Angels, 'Ateed and Raqeeb
 - C. Allah
 - D. **All the above**
- 23) The first question asked on the Day of Judgment will relate to:
- A. **Prayer**
 - B. Your religion
 - C. Hajj
 - D. Enjoining good
- 24) If this act is not accepted, then all good works will not be accepted:
- A. Wudho
 - B. Ghusl
 - C. Hajj
 - D. **Prayer**
- 25) On the Day of Judgment, the first question involving Prayer will be asked here on the:
- A. **Bridge**
 - B. Mountains
 - C. River
 - D. Grave

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- 26) If you said the Iqamah (only) before Prayer, this number of row/s of the angels would perform the Prayer behind you:
- A. Four
 - B. One**
 - C. Two
 - D. Three
- 27) The length of the rows of the angels praying behind a devoted person is said to be this long:
- A. Between the East and the West**
 - B. As long as the Mosque
 - C. Five miles to the sky
 - D. None of the above
- 28) According to The Prophet (S), Prayer is the light of:
- A. The religion Islam
 - B. Understanding**
 - C. Oneness of Allah
 - D. Justice of Allah
- 29) Prayer is:
- A. What Shaytan hates
 - B. Weapon to confront your enemies
 - C. The light in your grave
 - D. All the above**
- 30) al-Husayn (AS) is reported to tremble when he:
- A. Performed Wudho before Prayer**
 - B. Performed his obligatory fasts in Ramadhan
 - C. Approached his sons
 - D. None of the above

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- 31) That person who takes this act likely will not reach the Pond of al-Kawthar in Paradise:
- A. Hajj
 - B. Fast
 - C. **Prayer**
 - D. Enjoining good
- 32) According to The Prophet (S), one who wastes his Prayer will be raised with the following on the Day of Judgment:
- A. Shaytan
 - B. Pious people
 - C. **Qarun and Haman**
 - D. The Jinn
- 33) One who takes Prayer lightly will not receive the following from the Infallible (AS):
- A. Recognition
 - B. Assistance
 - C. Intercession
 - D. **All the above**
- 34) According to al-Khumeini (AR), the timings of Prayer is:
- A. **The most important of the acts of worship**
 - B. Of no consequence
 - C. Trivial
 - D. Are not a must to adhere to
- 35) According to al-Khumeini (AR), the quintessence and kernel of worship is:
- A. Enjoining good
 - B. Hajj
 - C. Five Daily Prayer
 - D. **That the person offering Prayer must be free from other pre-occupations during Prayer**

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- 36) At Bayt Al-Ma'moor, The Prophet (S) beheld this place directly under:
- A. **Ka'bah**
 - B. Jerusalem
 - C. Medina
 - D. Mount Hira
- 37) After being commanded to open his hand and take of the water flowing from the right pillar of the Empyrean, the following Commandment by Allah (Most High, Most Sublime) to The Prophet (S) during The Ascension was to perform ablution in the following sequence:
- A. Head, face, hands, feet
 - B. **Face, hands, head, feet**
 - C. Only the face and feet
 - D. None of the above
- 38) During Me'raj, The Prophet (S) passed the following number of heavens and curtains of exaltation and glory, before arriving near the place of communion with the Merciful Lord of Glory.
- A. **Seven**
 - B. Six
 - C. Five
 - D. None of the above
- 39) Allah (Most High, Most Sublime) described this Chapter in The Qur'an as '*That Chapter is a description of My Praise and Attributes. What likeness can exist between Me and My creations?*'
- A. Chapter of al-Hamd
 - B. **Chapter of Divine Unity**
 - C. Chapter of al-Jum'ah
 - D. Chapter of al-Tawbah]

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- 40) During Me'raj, The Prophet (S) was informed to recite this Chapter in The Qur'an in his second unit (rak'ah):
- A. **Chapter of al-Qadr**
 - B. Chapter of al-Kawthar
 - C. Chapter of an-Naas
 - D. Chapter of al-Falaq
- 41) 'Ali (AS) is reported to have said that if the worshipper knew to what extent this quality of Allah surrounded him during Prayer, he would never raise his head from the state of prostration:
- A. Greatness
 - B. Power
 - C. Oneness
 - D. **Mercy**
- 42) A believer's heavenly journey is the:
- A. Hajj
 - B. **Prayer**
 - C. Fighting in the name of Allah
 - D. Fast
- 43) Ayatullah Ibrahim Amini (AR) calls the Prayer a:
- A. Believers only way to Allah
 - B. **Pure Sparkling Stream**
 - C. Jihad
 - D. Form of mind exercise
- 44) Nothing of your Prayer is yours except that which you did with:
- A. Congregation
 - B. Clean clothes
 - C. Attentive soul
 - D. **Attentive heart**

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- 45) When a servant stands to offer Prayer, Allah (SWT) pays attention to him and does not shift His attention until the servant deviates from His remembrance for this many times:
- A. **Three**
 - B. Two
 - C. Five
 - D. Six
- 46) This organ's presence is a must in every single act in Prayer and that is the only way to achieve the merits hidden in this great obligation:
- A. Brain
 - B. **Heart**
 - C. Kidney
 - D. Liver
- 47) We are asked to pay sincere attention in our Prayer because the following also pay attention to us and look at us:
- A. Allah
 - B. Angels
 - C. Jinn
 - D. **A & B**
- 48) No sooner a person starts his Prayer, this entity whispers in his heart pulling him from one side to another, and continuously engaging him into all sorts of thoughts and memories:
- A. **Shaytan**
 - B. Unbelieving Jinn
 - C. Unbelieving Angel
 - D. B & C

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- 49) According to al-Amini, this is important and worth while in Prayer:
- A. Applying perfume
 - B. **Heart's presence**
 - C. Repeating Takbir ten times before beginning Prayer
 - D. None of the above
- 50) This attainment is extremely difficult in Prayer:
- A. **Heart's presence**
 - B. Highest level of concentration
 - C. To say Prayer on time
 - D. To wear white clothing at all times