



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

“O My Lord , increase me in knowledge”
(Holy Qur'an 20:115)

LAJNA IJTIMA SYLLABUS

2025-2026

LAJNA IMA'ILLAH CANADA

Tilawat-e-Qur'an

Group #1: 15-30 Years & Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Group #1 & #2 will present a melodic recitation with correct pronunciation (memorization NOT required) of **Surah Al-Hashr (Chapter 59)**

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Correct Pronunciation (i.e. Basic Rules & Stop Signs)	25
Melody	10
Fluency	10
TOTAL	45

Before the competition begins, the Urdu and English translation of these Ayat must be presented by the organizer, and displayed on the screen throughout the competition.

There will be only one first, one second and one third at local and regional level

Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtima

Only the 1st position holder with marks of 90% or higher, from Group 1, at the regional level will proceed to the National Ijtima

Hifz-e-Qur'an

Group #1: 15-30 Years & Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Memorized recitation with correct pronunciation of:
Surah al-Balad: Chapter 90

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Memorization	25
Basic Rules	10
Stop Signs	10
Correct Pronunciation	5
TOTAL	50

There will be only one first, one second and one third at local and regional level

Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtima

Only the 1st position holder with marks of 90% or higher, from Group 1, at the regional level will proceed to the National Ijtima

English Speech

Group #1: 30 Years and Younger

Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Delivery of a speech in English in 5 minutes on the following topics:

(If a member participates in more than one language, her topics must be different)

1. The Promised Messiah (as) – a true Prophet of God for the Latter Days
 2. Emulating the Righteous Examples of the Female Companions of the Holy Prophet (sa)
 3. Salat is a shield that protects us from from materialism and ethical decline
 4. Modesty is not merely a physical covering but a spiritual guard
 5. “Your role in the home is that of nation builder, shaping the character of future Ahmadis” (Message to Lajna Canada on occasion of National Ijtimat 2025)
- **The Group 1 participant who qualifies for the National Ijtimat and her Regional Sadr Sahiba must have their topic approved by National Sadr Sahiba by July 15th , 2026. Topics cannot be from the Ijtimat Syllabus.**
 - **There will be only one first, one second and one third at local and regional level.**
 - **Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtimat**
 - **Only the 1st position holder with marks of 90% or higher, from Group 1, at the regional level will proceed to the National Ijtimat**
 - ***NOTE: Time Count will begin AFTER recitation of Tashahud by participants. Recitation of Tashahud is mandatory and marks will be deducted if the participant makes a mistake in its recitation.**

Tash-shahud in Arabic:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ -

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

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English Speech

Group #1: 30 Years and Younger

Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Criteria for Marking for Urdu & English Speeches	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	15
References (i.e. Holy Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiahas/Khulafā'-e-Karam/Other scholars)	5
Appropriate and Effective Vocabulary	5
Style & Delivery (i.e. Appropriate Pitch & Effective Pauses)	5
Maintain Eye Contact	5
Correctness & Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Time (*please see note above)	5
Memorization (not in local)	5
TOTAL	50

Urdu Speech

Group #1: 30 Years and Younger

Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Delivery of a speech in Urdu in 5 minutes on the following topics:

(If a member participates in more than one language, her topics must be different)

1. حضرت مسیح موعود علیہ الصلاۃ والسلام - آخری دنوں کے لیے خدا تعالیٰ کے سچے نبی

2. صحابیات آنحضرت صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی نیک مثالوں کی تقلید کرنا

3. نماز مادہ پرستی اور اخلاقی زوال سے بچانے کی ڈھال ہے

4. حیا ظاہری پردہ نہیں بلکہ روح کی حفاظت ہے

5. احمدی عورت وہ معمار قوم ہے جو آنے والی نسلوں کو سنوارتی ہے

- The Group 1 & Group 2 participant who qualifies for the National Ijtimā and her Regional Sadr Sahiba must have their topic approved by National Sadr Sahiba by July 15th, 2026. Topics cannot be from the Ijtimā Syllabus.
- There will be only one first, one second and one third at local and regional level.
- Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the Local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtimā
- Only the 1st position holder with marks of 90% or higher at the Regional level, from Group 1 & Group 2 will proceed to the National Ijtimā
- *NOTE: Time Count will begin AFTER recitation of Tashahud by participants. Recitation of Tashahud is mandatory and marks will be deducted if the participant makes a mistake in its recitation.

Tash-shahud in Arabic:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ -

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

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Urdu Speech

Group #1: 30 Years and Younger

Group #2: 31 Years and Older

Criteria for Marking for Urdu & English Speeches	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	15
References (i.e. Holy Qur'an, Hadith, Writings of the Promised Messiahas/Khulafā'-e-Karam/Other scholars)	5
Appropriate and Effective Vocabulary	5
Style & Delivery (i.e. Appropriate Pitch & Effective Pauses)	5
Maintain Eye Contact	5
Correctness & Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Time (*please see note above)	5
Memorization (not in local)	5
TOTAL	50

French Speech

Group #1: 30 Years and Younger

Delivery of a speech in French in 5 minutes on the following topics:
(If a member participates in more than one language, her topics must be different)

1. Le Messie Promis (as) – un véritable Prophète de Dieu pour les Derniers Temps
 2. Suivre les nobles exemples des compagnes femelle du Saint Prophète (sa)
 3. La Salat est un bouclier qui nous protège du matérialisme et du déclin moral.
 4. La modestie n'est pas seulement une couverture physique, mais une protection spirituelle.
 5. « Votre rôle au maison est celui de bâtisseur de la nation, façonnant le caractère des futurs Ahmadis » (Message adressé à Lajna Canada à l'occasion des Ijtima'at nationaux 2025)
- **This competition will end at the Regional level**
 - **Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the Local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtima**
 - **There will be only one first, one second and one third at the Local and Regional level**
 - ***NOTE: Time Count will begin AFTER recitation of Tashahud by participants. Recitation of Tashahud is mandatory and marks will be deducted if the participant makes a mistake in its recitation.**

Tash-shahud in Arabic:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ -

أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

French Speech

Group #1: 30 Years and Younger

Criteria for Marking for French Speeches	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	15
References (i.e. Holy Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiahas/Khulafā'-e-Karam/Other scholars)	5
Appropriate and Effective Vocabulary	5
Style & Delivery (i.e. Appropriate Pitch & Effective Pauses)	5
Maintain Eye Contact	5
Correctness & Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Time (*please see note above)	5
Memorization (not in local)	5
TOTAL	50

Poem

30 Years and Younger

***NOTE:**

1. Repetition of couplets is not allowed.
2. Ta'lim secretaries should help sisters who cannot read Urdu to make sure they have proper pronunciation.
3. Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the Local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtimā
4. Only 1st position holders from Group #1 with marks of 90% or higher at the Regional Ijtimā will proceed to the National Ijtimā.
5. There will be only one first, one second and one third at local and regional level

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Memorization (regional & National)	5
Correctness and Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Melody (including Appropriate Pitch)	20
TOTAL	30

Recitation of ONE of the following memorized poems:

Poem

30 Years and Younger

DURE SAMEEN

دُرّ ثمین

علامات المقربین

خُدا سے وہی لوگ کرتے ہیں پیار
جو سب کچھ ہی کرتے ہیں اُس پر نثار
اِسی فکر میں رہتے ہیں روز و شب
کہ راضی وہ دِلدار ہوتا ہے کب ؟
اُسے دے چکے مال و جاں بار بار
ابھی خَوْفِ دِل میں کہ ہیں نابکار
لگاتے ہیں دِل اپنا اُس پاک سے
وہی پاک جاتے ہیں اِس خاک سے

Poem

30 Years and Younger

KALAME MAHMOOD

کلام محمود

حضورؐ کی یہ نظم ہمیں حضرت سیدہ مریم صدیقہ صاحبہ تذلہا العالی نے عطا فرمائی ہے۔

روتے روتے ہی کٹ گئیں راتیں	ذکر میں ہی بسر ہوئیں راتیں
جن میں ہوتا ہے وصلِ یار نصیب	ایسی بھی ہوتی ہیں کہیں راتیں
جن میں موقعِ ملے تہجد کا	ہوتی ہیں بس وہ بہترین راتیں
شمع پروانوں کو نصیب ہو جب	دن کہو اُن کو وہ نہیں راتیں

سوتے سوتے میں جو گزر جائیں

وہی راتیں ہیں بدترین راتیں

Poem

30 Years and Younger

DUREADAN

دُرَّعَدَن

جب دُنیا میں بیداری والے دین سے غافل سوتے ہیں
جب اِس کے پیچھے پڑتے ہیں تو اُس کو بالکل کھوتے ہیں

جاری سب کاروبارِ جہاں، پر دل میں خیالِ یارِ نہاں
دِن کاموں میں کٹ جاتا ہے راتوں کو اُٹھ کر روتے ہیں

سامانِ مَعِیشت بھی کرنا پھر جیتے جی اُس پر مرنا
حق نفس کا بھی کرتے ہیں ادا، بیجِ اُلفت کے بھی بوتے ہیں

لاٹانی اُسوہ احمد کا کہ یہ سیدھی راہ دِکھاتا ہے
بے دُنیا چھوڑے مُسلِم کو دُنیا میں خُدا ایل جاتا ہے

ہر طرح گرم فرماتا ہے

بھیج دُرود اُس مُحسن پر تو دِن میں سو سو بار
" پاک مُحَمَّد مصطفیٰ نبیوں کا سردار "

Poem

30 Years and Younger

KALAME TAHIR

کلامِ طاہر

مِرا نالہ اُس کے قدموں کے غبار تک تو پہنچے

کبھی اِذن ہو تو عاشقِ دِریار تک تو پہنچے

یہ ذرا سی اک نگارش ہے ، نگار تک تو پہنچے

دِل بے قرار قابو سے نکل چکا ہے ، یا رُب

یہ نگاہ رکھ کر پاگل سرِ دار تک تو پہنچے

جو گلاب کے کٹوروں میں شرابِ ناب بھر دے

وہ نسیمِ آہ ، پھولوں کے نکھار تک تو پہنچے

کچھ عجب نہیں کہ کانٹوں کو بھی پھول پھل عطا ہوں

مِری چاہ کی حلاوتِ رگِ خار تک تو پہنچے

یہ محبتوں کا لشکر جو کرے گا فتحِ خیر

ذرا تیرے بغض و نفرت کے حصار تک تو پہنچے

Bait Bazi

All Age Groups

Recite couplets from the following books ONLY:

دُرِّ شَمِین، کلامِ محمود، دُرِّ عَدَن، کلامِ طاہر اور بخارِ دل

*NOTE: This Competition will be held at local, regional and national Ijtimas.

- Only one participant from each region will advance to nationals
- No repetition is allowed.
- Rounds: 10
- Time limit: 10 seconds
- There will be only one first, one second and one third at local and regional level
- Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtimas
- Only the 1st position holder with marks of 90% or higher at the Regional level will proceed to the National Ijtimas

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Correctness	10
Correct Pronunciation (i.e. Basic Rules & Stop Signs)	20
TOTAL	30

Urdu & English

Extempore Speech

All Age Groups

- Delivery of a 2-minute speech in either Urdu or English on a randomly selected topic chosen by the participant.
- Only the 1st position holder with marks of 80% or higher the Local level will proceed to the Regional Ijtima
- Ends at the Regional Level
- There will be only one first, one second and one Third at local and Regional level
- NOTE: Time begins immediately therefore, participants may simply recite Bismillāh to begin their speech.

Criteria for Marking for Urdu & English Speeches	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	15
References (i.e. Holy Qurān, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiahas/Khulafā'-e-Karam/Other scholars)	5
Appropriate and Effective Vocabulary	5
Style & Delivery (i.e. Appropriate Pitch & Effective Pauses)	5
Maintain Eye Contact 90% of the Time	5
Correctness & Clarity of Pronunciation	5
Memorization (Not for local)	5
Time (*please see note above)	5

Quiz

All Age Groups

Questions will be taken from the following book: **The Life & Character of the Seal of Prophets (sa) Volume 1 (pg. 1 to 126)**

Rules

- Do not share the Q/A with anyone including the participants beforehand
- There will be one competition that will be held in both languages. Participants will choose which language they want to answer
- The content of the answer should be 100% correct.
- Time limit: 10 seconds to answer (please use a timer)
- Participants will be participating as individuals, not teams.
- To answer, participants may raise a paddle or hand, or use a buzzer
- This competition will be held at the Local Level Only

****Note for Secretaries: The marking criteria and the Q/A will be sent closer to the Ijtima (December), please DO NOT share it with any participant**

Essay

Due: March 31st, 2026

TOPIC: The foundation of a believer's life is their connection with Allah the Almighty

Can be in English OR Urdu OR French OR Arabic

Criteria for Marking	Marks
Content (Excellent Understanding of the Topic)	20
References (i.e. Holy Qur'an, Ḥadīth, Writings of the Promised Messiah(as)/Khulafā'-e-Karam/Other scholars)	20
Organization (i.e. essay is well structured with a beginning, body and conclusion; does not digress from thesis; appropriate transitions between paragraphs, etc.)	20
Writing Style (word choice, appropriate tone, sentence structure, author's voice, etc.)	15
Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation	15
Formatting (word count, font, line spacing, margins, pagination, etc.)	10
TOTAL	100

Essay

Due: March 31st, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS

The essay should be typed up and submitted electronically to:
essaycompetition@lajna.ca

The marking criteria will be based on:

- Clear focus on the main theme throughout
- Sound supporting arguments and examples
- Well organized & well structured ideas
- Correct and effective use of language
- Proper referencing
- Formatting Instructions
- Double-spaced
- Maximum 1500 word limit (excluding references)