

TEN SPIRITUAL TIPS IN PREPARATION FOR TESTS/EXAMINATIONS (THROUGH QUR'AN & HADEETH)

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1) YOU MUST MAKE EFFORT. DO YOUR BEST AND ALLAH WILL DO THE REST!

"And that a man shall not deserve but (the fruits) of his own effort."

(Qur'an 53:39-40)

"Aspire for what benefits you, and seek Allah's help." (Muslim)

2) OFFER TWO RAKAATS OF SALAATUL-HAAJAAT.

You can do this the night before.

"Whenever the Prophet (PBUH) was anxious about something, he (PBHU) turned to Salaah." (Abu Dawood)

"He who makes wudhu, and does it properly, then prays two rakaats, Allah will grant him whatever he may pray for, sooner or later". (Ahmad)

3) MAKE EFFORT ON THE DAY OF THE EXAM TO OFFER YOUR FAJR SALAAH ON TIME.

"Whoever prays the Fajr prayer, he or she is then under Allah's protection."

(Muslim)

4) RECITE SURAH YASEEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY.

This is so that Allah the Almighty may help you achieve your aims through the power of this Surah.

"Whoever recites Surah Yaseen at the beginning of the day, his needs will be fulfilled." (Darimi)

5) ASK PARENTS, FRIENDS, AND THE PIOUS PEOPLE TO SUPPLICATE FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN THE EXAMS.

"The dua of a Muslim for his brother (in Islam) in his absence is readily accepted, an angel is appointed to his side, whenever he makes a beneficial dua for his brother the appointed angel says "aameen and may you also be blessed with the same." (Muslim)

6) MAKE HASTE IN GIVING CHARITY.

Try to give something prior to exams, even if it is just £1.

"Give charity without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity." (Tirmidhi)

7) RECITE THE MASNOON DUA WHEN LEAVING HOME:

'Bismillaahi Tawakkaltu 'Ala Allah Wa Laa Hawla Wa Laa Quwwata Illa Billaah.'

Translation: In the name of Allah, I put my trust in Allah, and there is no strength and no power except with Allah.

It is stated in the hadeeth that if a person recites the above dua and departs then there is an (unseen) proclamation that his needs will be fulfilled and that he will be protected from harm and injury. On hearing this dua, the Satan goes away from the place and refrains from troubling the reciting person. (Tirmidhi)

8) REMEMBER ALLAH EXCESSIVELY.

In these times, the experience of scholars is to recite excessively

'Hasbiyallahu Wa Ni'mal Wakeel' along with Salawaat (Durood Shareef).

"Allah is fully sufficient for us, and the best One in whom to trust" (Qur'an 3:173)

In relation to Durood Shareef the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said,

"Allah shall suffice you for your needs in this life and the Hereafter." (Ahmad)

9) RECITE BISMILLAH BEFORE YOU START.

"Any important work not started with Bismillah is void of blessings." (Ahmad)

10) MAKE AN INTENTION OF OFFERING AND DO OFFER TWO RAKAATS OF SALAATUS-SHUKR AFTER THE EXAMINATION.

This is desirable after all the facilities Allah the Almighty has given you to take the examination.

"Allah shall soon reward the grateful" (Qur'an 3:144)

BONUS TIP! The practices of the pious at the time of need are: Recite Durood, then Surah Alam-nashrah, then Durood again.