

ISLAMIC STUDIES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) syllabus in Islamic Studies is to prepare the candidates for the Board's examination. It is designed to test their achievement of the course objectives, which are to:

- 1. master the Qur'an and Sunnah as foundations of Islamic and social life;
- 2. be familiar with Islamic heritage, culture and civilization;
- 3. be acquainted with the tradition of Islamic scholarship and intellectual discourse;
- 4. demonstrate knowledge of Islamic moral, spiritual, economic, political and social values;
- 5. be exposed to the fundamental principles of Islam; and
- be prepared to face the challenges of life as good practising Muslims.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

PART 1: THE QUR'ĀN AND HADĪTH

TOPICS/CONTENTS/NOTES	OBJECTIVES
1. Revelation of the Glorious Qur'ān	Candidates should be able to:
(i) Visits of the Prophet (SAW) to Cave Hira	(i) analyse the Prophet's (SAW) visits to Cave Hira and the purpose;
(ii) His reaction to the first revelation and its importance	 (ii) describe the Prophet's reaction to the first revelation and its importance;
(iii) Different modes of revelation (Q.42:51): inspiration behind the veil, through an angel, etc.	(iii) differentiate between the modes of revelation;
(iv) Piecemeal revelation (Q.17:106) (Q.25:32)	(iv) explain why the Glorious Qur'ān was revealed piecemeal.

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1b. Preservation of the Glorious Qur'ān	
(i) Recording, compilation and standardization of the Qur'ān (ii) Differences between Makkah and Madinan suwar (iii) The role played by the Companions of the Prophet (SAW) on the collection and compilation of the Qur'ān.	analyse how the Glorious Qur'ān was recorded, compiled and standardized. differentiate between Makkan and Madinan suwar (iii) evaluate the role played by the companions of the Prophet (SAW) on the collection and compilation of the Qur'ān.
Importance of the Glorious Qur'ān as a source of guidance in spiritual, moral, economic, political and socio-cultural matters.	(i) examine the importance of the Glorious Qur'ān.
1d. Divine authenticity of the Glorious Qur'ān (i) Proof of the Divine authenticity of the Glorious Qur'ān (Q.4:82) (Q.41:42) (ii) Uniqueness of the Glorious Qur'ān (Q.39:27) (Q.17:88) (Q.75:16-19) (iii) Divine preservation of the Glorious Qur'ān (Q.15:9)	evaluate the proof of the divine authenticity of the Glorious Qur'ān; evaluate the uniqueness of the Glorious Qur'ān; examine the ways by which the Glorious Qur'ān was preserved.
Tafsīr (i) Historical development of Tafsīr (ii) Importance of Tafsīr	Candidates should be able to: (i) trace the origin and sources of Tafsīr; (ii) evaluate the importance of Tafsīr
3. Introduction to Tajwīd (Theory and Practice	Candidates should be able to: (i) examine the meaning and importance of Tajwid
 Study of the Arabic text of the following suwar/ayats with tajwīd 	
 (a) al-Fāṭihah (Q.1) (b) al - Ādiyāṭ (Q.100) (c) al - Qari A (Q.101) (d) at - Takāṭhur (Q.102) (e) al - Āsr ((Q.103)) (f) al - Humazah (Q.104) (g) al - Mā m ((Q.107) (h) al - Kawthar (Q.108) (i) al - Kāṭrūn (Q. 109) (j) al- Nasr (Q.110) 	Candidates should be able to: (i) recite with correct tajwīd the Arabic texts of the suwar; (ii) translate the verses; (iii) deduce lessons from them; (iv) evaluate the teachings of the verses.

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(k) al-Masad ((Q.111) (l) al-Ikhlās (Q.112) (m) al-Falaq ((Q.113) (n) an-Nās (Q.114) 5. Study of the Arabic text of the following suwar/ayats with tajwīd (a) al-A ^c alā (Q.87) (b) ad-Duhā (Q.93) (c) al-Inshirah (Q.94) (d) at-Tīn (Q.95) (e) al- ^c Alaq (Q.96) (f) al-Qadr (Q.97) (g) al-Bayyinah (Q.98) (h) al-Zalzalah (Q.99) (i) Ayatul-Kursiyy (Q.2:255) (j) Āmanar-Rasūl (Q.2:285-6)	Candidates should be able to: (i) recite with correct tajwīd the Arabic texts of the suwar; (ii) deduce lessons from them; (iii) evaluate their teachings;
(k) Laqad jāakum (Q.9:128-129) 6. Hadīth (a) History of Hadīth literature - Collection of Hadīth from the time of the Prophet(SAW) to the period of the six authentic collectors of Hadīth (b) Authentication of Hadīth (i) Isnād (Asma'ur-rijāl) (ii) Matn (iii) Classification of Hadīth into Sahīh Hassan and Da'īj' (c) The relationship between Hadīth and the Glorious Qur'ān (i) The importance of Hadīth	Candidates should be able to: (i) evaluate the history of Hadīth from the time of the Prophet (SAW) to the period of six authentic collectors. (ii) analyse the Isnād; (iii) analyse the Matn; (iv) distinguish between Hadīth Sahīh, Hassan and da īf.

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(ii) The similarities and differences between Hadīth and the Glorious Qur'ān	Candidates should be able to: (i) examine the importance of Hadīth;
	(ii) distinguish between Hadīth and the Glorious Qur'ān.
(d) The six sound collectors of Hadīth - biographies and their works.	
	(i) evaluate their biographies and works
(e) Muwatta and its author – The biography of Imam Malik and the study of his book	
0002	(i) evaluate his biography;
(f) The study of the Arabic texts of the following ahādīth from an-Nawāwi's collection: 1,3,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,	(ii) analyse his work.
18,19,21, 22,25,27,34, and 41	 (i) interpret the ahādīth in Arabic (ii) apply them in their daily lives.
7. Moral lessons in the Glorious Qur'ān and Hadīth	
(a) General moral lessons contained in the admonition of Sage Luqman to his son	Candidates should be able to:
(Q.31:12-18).	 (i) use the teachings of the verses in their daily lives;
(b) Goodness to parents (Q.17:23-24)	
(c) Honesty (Q.2:42)(Q.61:2-3)	 apply the teachings of the verses to their daily lives;
(d) Prohibition of bribery and corruption (Q:2:188), alcohol and gambling	 demonstrate the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.
(Q.2:219) (Q.5:90-91), stealing and fraud (Q.5:41) (83:1-5), smoking, drug abuse and other intoxicants (Q.2:172-173, 195 and 219) (Q.4:43) (Q.5:3) (Q.6:118-121) arrogance (Q.31:18-19) and extravagance (Q.17:26-27) (Q.31:18-19)	(i) use the teachings of the verses in their daily lives
(e) Dignity of labour (Q.62:10) (Q.78:11) Hadīth from Bukhari and Ibn Majah: "that one of you takes his rope"	
"never has anyone of you eaten".	(i) and to the teaching a fish and in the in-delite
(f) Behaviour and modesty in dressing (Q.24:27-31) (Q.33:59)	apply the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.

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(g) Adultery and fornication (Q.17:32) (Q.24:2), homosexuality (Q.11:77-83) and obscenity (Q:4:14-15) Hadīth – "No one of you should meet a woman privately "Bukhari	(i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses in their daily lives. (i) apply the teachings of the verses in their daily lives.
(h) Leadership (Q.2:124) and justice (Q.4:58 and 135) (Q.5:9) Hadīth – 'take care everyone of you is a governor concerning his subjects" (al-Bukhari and others)	(i) apply the teachings of the verses and the Hadīth to their daily lives.
(i) Trust and obligations (Q:4:58) (Q.5:1) and promises (Q.16:91) Hadīth 'he has (really) no faith Not fulfilled his promise" (Baihaqi) (j) Piety (Taqwa) (Q:2:177) (Q.3:102) (Q.49:13) Hadīth 18 and 35 of an Nawāwī	(i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the <i>Hadīth</i> in their daily lives.
(k) Tolerance, perseverance and patience (Q.2:153-157) (Q.3:200) (Q.103:3) Hadīth 16 of an-Nawāwī	 (i) apply the teachings of the verses and the ahadīth in their daily lives.
(1) Unity and brotherhood (Q.3:103) (Q.8:46) (Q.49:10) Hadīth 35 of an- Nawawi	 (i) Interpret the teachings of the verses and the Hadīth in their daily lives.
(m) Enjoining what is good and forbidding what is wrong (Q.3:104 and 110) (Q.16:90) Hādīth 25 and 34 of an Nawāwī	 (i) demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the Hadīth in their daily lives.
8. PART II: TAWHĪD AND FIQH	apply the teachings of the verses and the ahadīth in their daily lives.
(a) Faith	
(i) Tawhīd	
Its importance and lessons	Candidates should be able to:
(b) Kalimatush-Shahadah	
(i) Its meaning and importance	(i) analyse the concepts of <i>Tawhīd</i>

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(ii) The Oneness of Allah as contained in the following verses: (Q.3:18) Q.2:255) (Q.112:1-4)	(i) evaluate the significance of kalimatush- shahadah;
(iii) The servanthood and messengership of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as contained in the following verses (Q.3:144) (Q.18:110) (Q.48:29) and	(ii) identify the verses dealing with the Oneness of Allah.
(Q.34:28) (iv) Universality of his message (Q.7:158) (Q.34:28)	(i) explain the significance of the servanthood of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW);
(v) Finality of his Prophethood (Q.33:40)	evaluate the significance of the universality of Prophet Muhammad's message;
(c) Shirk (i) Beliefs which are incompatible with the Islamic principles of Tawhīd:	(i) examine the significance of the finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (SAW).
- Worship of Idols (Q.4:48) (Q.22:31)	Candidates should be able to:
- Ancestral worship (Q.4:48 and 116) (Q.21:66-67)	(i) identify what actions and beliefs constitute shirk; (ii) explain the implications of beliefs and actions of shirk;
- Trinity (Q.4:171) (Q.5:76) (Q.112:1-4)	(iii) appreciate why they should avoid actions of shirk.
- Atheism (Q.45:24) (Q.72:6) (Q.79:17-22)	
(d) General practices which are incompatible with Islamic principles of Tawhīd:	
- Superstition (Q.25:43) (Q.72:6) - Fortune-telling (Q.15:16-18) (Q.37:6-10)	
- Magic and witchcraft (Q.2:102) (Q.20:69) and 73) (Q.26:46) - Cult worship (Q.17:23) (Q.4:48)	Candidates should be able to: (i) identify those practices that are incompatible with the Islamic principles of Tawhīd;

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- Innovation (Bid'ah) (Q.4:116) and Hadīth 5 and 28 of an- Nawāwī 9. Articles of faith	(ii) examine those practices that are incompatible with Tawhīd; (iii) shun off those actions; (iv) demonstrate the teachings of the verses and the ahadīth in their daily lives.
(a) Belief in Allah	
(i) Existence of Allah (Q.2:255)	
(Q.52:35-36)	Candidates should be able to:
(ii) Attributes of Allah (Q.59:22-24)	(i) examine the significance of the articles of faith;
(iii) The works of Allah (Q.27:59:64)	(ii) list the attributes of Allah; (iii) examine the works of Allah;
(b) Belief in Allah's angels (Q.2:177 and 285) (Q.8:50) (Q.16:2)	(iv) explain the belief in Allah's books; (v) identify the verses on Allah's books;
(c) His books (Q.2:253) and 285) (Q.3:3)	(vi) explain the belief in the Prophets of Allah and its significance; (vii) analyse the belief in the Last Day and its
(d) His Prophets: Ulul-azmi (Q.4:163-164)	significance; (viii) evaluate the belief in destiny and its
(e) The Last Day: Yawm-al-Ba ^c th	significance.
(Q.23:15-16) (Q.70:4)	
(f) Destiny: distinction between <i>Qada</i> and <i>Qadar</i> (Q.2:117) (Q.16:40) (Q.36:82)	
10. Ibadat and their types	
(a) Good deeds (Q.3:134) (Q.6:160) (Q.2:177) (Q.31:8) (Q.103:1-3) 26 th Hadīth of an-Nawāwī	
(b) Taharah, its types and importance (al- istinja'/istijmar, alwudu', at-tayammum and al-ghusl (Q.2:222) (Q.5:7) Hadīth 10 and 23 of an-Nawāwī.	Candidates should be able to: (i) identity what constitutes acts of ibadah;
(c) Salah (i) Importance: (Q.2:45) (Q.20:132) (Q.29:45) and Hadīth 23 rd of an- Nawāwī	(ii) distinguish between the different types of taharah;
(ii) Description and types of salah (iii) Things that vitiate salah	(i) process the importance of all-late - Marking's
(,	(i) assess the importance of salah to a Muslim's life;

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(d)	Zakah	(ii) analyse different types of salah;
(-)	(i) Its types and importance (zakatul-fitr,	(iii) identify things that vitiate salah.
	zakatul mal, al-an-am and al-harth	, , , , ,
	(Q.2:267) (Q.9:103) 3rd Hadīth of an-	
	Nawāwī	
	(ii) Collection and disbursement (Q.9:60)	(i) differentiate between the various types of
	(iii) Difference between Zakah and	zakkah and the time of giving them out;
	sadaqah	(ii) explain how to collect and distribute zakah;
	~	(iii) distinguish between zakah and sadaqah.
(e)	Sawm (i) Its types and importance (fard, sunnah,	
	qada and kaffarah) (Q.2:183-185) 3 rd	
	Hadīth of an-Nawāwī	
	(ii) People exempted from sawm	(i) compare the various types of sawm;
	(iii) Things that vitiate sawm	(ii) list the people who are exempted from
	, ,	fasting;
(f)	Hajj	(iii) explain things that vitiate fasting.
	(i) Its importance (Q.2:158 and 197)	
	(Q.3:97) (Q.22:27-28)	
	(ii) Type (Ifrad, Qirān and Tamattu^c)	
	(iii) Essentials of Hajj (Arkan al Hajj)	(i) examine the importance of Hajj;
	(v) Conditions for the performance of Hajj	(ii) differentiate between the types of Hajj;
	(iv) Differences between Hajj and Umrah	(iii) explain the essentials of Hajj;
٠,	71 10	(iv) evaluate the conditions for performance of
(g)	Jihad: Concept, kinds, manner and	Hajj; (v) differentiate between Hajj and Umrah.
	Lessons (Q.2:190-193) (Q.22:39-40)	(v) Gifferentiate between Hajj and Omran.
11. Fa	mily Matters	
(a)	Marriage	(i) examine the concepts of jihad and its type;
	(i) Importance (Q.16:72) (Q.24:32)	evaluate the manner of carrying out jihad and its lessons.
		and its lessons.
	(Q.30:20-21)	
	(ii) Prohibited categories (Q.2:221) (Q.4:22-	Candidates should be able to:
	24)	(i) analyse the importance of marriage;
	(iii) Conditions for its validity (Q.4:4)	, , ,
	(Q.4:24-25)	
	(iv) Rights and duties of husbands and	(ii) list the category of women prohibited to a
	wives (Q.4:34-35) (Q.20:132) (Q.65:6-	man to marry;
	7)	(iii) examine the conditions for validity of
	(v) Polygamy (Q.4:3 and 129)	marriage;
	,	(iv) explain the rights and duties of the spouse;
(b)	Idrar ill-treatment of wife (Q. 65:1-3)	
(c)	Divorce	(vi) evaluate polygamy and its significance.

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(i) Attitude of Islam to divorce (Q.2:228) (Q.4:34-35) Hadīth "of all things lawful most hateful to Allah" (Abu Daud 15:3)	(i) examine the ill-treatment of wife in marriage
(ii) Kinds (<i>Talaq</i> , <i>Khul</i> ;, <i>Faskh</i> , <i>Mubara'ah</i> and <i>Lt'ān</i>) (Q.2:229-230) (Q.24:6-9)	(i) analyse the attitude of Islam to divorce.
(iii) Iddah, kinds, duration and importance (Q.2:228 and 234)	(i) examine the different kinds of divorce;
 (iv) Prohibited forms of dissolution of marriage. (Ila and Zihar) (Q.2:226-227) (Q.58:2-4) (v) Custody of children (Hadanah) 	(i) differentiate between the various kinds of iddah; (ii) analyse its duration and significance.
(d) Inheritance (i) Its importance	(i) explain the prohibited forms of ending marriage.
(ii) Heirs and their shares (Q.4:7-8, 11-12 and 176)	(i) examine who has the right to custody of children.
12. Sources and Schools of Law	(i) evaluate the significance of inheritance.
 (i) The four major sources (the Qur'ān, Sunnah, Ijma^c and Qiyās) (ii) The four Sunni Schools of law and their founders. 	(i) identify the categories of the Qur'ānic heirs; (ii) explain the share of each heir;
13. Islamic Economic System	Candidates should be able to: (i) analyse the four major sources of Islamic
 (i) Islamic attitude to Riba (Q.2:275-280) (Q.3:130) (Q.4:161) Hadīth 6th of an- Nawāwī 	law; (ii) examine the biography of the founders of sunni schools of law;
(ii) At-tatfif (Q.83:1-6)	(iii) examine contributions of the founders of the sunni school of law
(iii) Hoarding (ihtikar) (Q.9:34)	Candidates should be able to:

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	(i) analyse Islamic attitude to Riba;
(iv) Islamic sources of revenue: Zakah, Jizyah, Kharaj and Ghanimah	(i) relate at-tatfif and its negative consequences;
(v) Baitul-mal as an institution of socio- economic welfare	(i) examine ihtikar and its implications on society.
(vi) Difference between the Islamic economic system and the Western economic system	(i) identify the sources of revenue in Islam; (ii) evaluate the disbursement of the revenue.
14. Islamic Political System (i) Allah as the Sovereign (Q.3:26-27)	(i) explain the uses of baitul-mal in the Ummah.
(ii) The concept of Shurah (consultation) (Q.3:159((Q.42:38) (iii) The concept of Adalah (justice)	(i) differentiate between the Islamic and Western economic systems.
(Q.5.9) (Q.4:58 and 135) and Mas'uliyah (accountability) (Q.17:36) (Q.102:8)	
(iv) The rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic state (Q.2:256) (Q.6:108)	Candidates should be able to: (i) analyse the concept of Allah's sovereignity;
 (v) Differences between the Islamic political system and the Western political system. 	(ii) examine the concept of shurah in Islam;
PART III: ISLAMIC HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION	(iii) evaluate the concept of justice and accountability;
15. Pre-Islamic Arabia (Jahiliyyah)	(iv) examine the rights of non-Muslims in an Islamic state;
 Jahiliyyah practices: idol worship, infancticide, polyandry, gambling, usury, etc. 	(v) differentiate between the Islamic and Western political systems.
(ii) Islamic reforms	
16. The Life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)	Candidates should be able to: (i) distinguish the different types of practices
(i) His birth and early life	common to the Arabs of al-Jahiliyyah;
(ii) His call to Prophethood	(ii) trace the reforms brought about by Islam to
(iii) His <i>Da^cwah</i> in Makkah and Madinah	the Jahiliyyah practices.

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(iv)	The Hjrah	Candidates should be able to:
		 account for the birth and early life of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW);
(v)	His administration of the Ummah in Madinah	(ii) provide evidence for the call of Muhammad (SAW) of Prophethood; (iii) analyse the Da ^c wah activities of the Prophet
(vi)	The battles of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq: causes and effects	Muhammad (SAW) to Madinah;
(vii)	The Treaty of al-Hudaibiyyah and the	account for the Hijrah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in Makkah and Madinah.
	conquest of Makkah	 (i) analyse the administration of the Muslim Ummah in Madinah.
(viii)	$\label{eq:Hijjatul-wada} \begin{array}{cc} \textit{Hijjatul-wada} & \textit{(the farewell pilgrimage) sermon, and lessons.} \end{array}$	account for the causes and effects of the battles of Badr, Uhud and Khandaq;
(ix)	Qualities of Muhammad (SAW) and lessons learnt from them $ \\$	(i) trace the circumstances leading to the formulation of the Treaty of Hudaibiyya;
1	ightly Guided Caliphs (al-Khulafa'u	(ii) account for the Conquest of Makkah;
1	- the lives and contributions of the four ided Caliphs	 examine the farewell pilgrimage of the Prophet and its lessons;
18. Early	contact of Islam with Africa	analyse the qualities of Muhammad (SAW) their relevance to the life of a Muslim.
(i)	Hijrah to Abyssinia	Candidates should be able to:
(ii)	The spread of Islam to Egypt	(i) trace the biographies of the four Rightly Guided Caliphs;
(iii)	The role of traders, teachers, preachers, Murabitun, Sufi orders and Mujaddidun to the spread of Islam in	(ii) evaluate their contributions to the development of Islam.
	West Africa.	Candidates should be able to:
19. The In	npact of Islam in West Africa	 evaluate their circumstances leading to the Hijrah to Abyssinia;
(i)	The influence of Islam on the socio- political life of some West African Empires: Ghana, Mali, Songhai and Borno	give reasons for the spread of Islamic in Egypt; account for the roles of traders, teachers, preachers, Murabitun, Sufi orders and Mujaddidun in the spread of Islam in West
(ii)	The impact of Islam on the economic life of some West African states: Timbuktu, Kano and Borno	Africa. Candidates should be able to:

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	(i) analyse the influence of Islam on the socio- political system of some West African States;
Contributions of Islam to Education The aims and objectives of Islamic Education The Glorious Qur'ān and Hadīth on Education (Q.96:1-5) (Q.39:9) i) "The search for knowledge is obligatory	(i) evaluate the impact of Islam on the economic life of Timbuktu, Kano and Borno.
on every Muslim" (Ibn Majah)	Candidates should be able to:
(ii) "Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave"	(i) explain the aims and objectives of Islamic Education;
(iii) "The words of wisdom are a lost property of the believer a better right to it " (Tirmidhi)	assess the position of the Glorious Qur'ān and Hadīth in education;
(iii) Intellectual activities of Islam in West Africa (development of written history in Arabic and the establishment of Sankore University)	(ii) examine the importance of seeking knowledge in Islam;
(iv) Intellectual activities of Ahmad Baba of Timbuktu, Sheikh al-Maghili, Sheikh Usman Danfodio, Sultan Muhammad Bello and Ibn Battuta	
(vi) Islamic Education Institutions: House of Wisdom in Baghdad, al-Azhar University in Cairo and Nizamiyyah University in Baghdad.	analyse the intellectual activities of Islam in West Africa.
(vi) The lives and contributions of Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Rushd, ar-Razi and Ibn Khaldun to education.	(i) assess the contributions of Sheikh al-Maghili, Sheikh Uthman Dan Fodio, Sultan Muhammad Bello and Ibn Battuta to education;
	account for the development of intellectual centres in Baghdad and Cairo;

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	(i) examine the contributions of Ibn Sina to the development of Medicine; (ii) assess al-Ghazali's contribution to Islamic education:
	(iii) analyse Ibn Rushd's contribution to philosophy and fiqh;
	(iv) assess ar-Razi's contribution to philosophy; (v) analyse Ibn Khaldun's contribution to modern sociology and method of writing history.

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