

## Midterm Exam Study Guide

### I. Basics

- ✓ Sakin/Sukoon (  $\overset{\circ}{\text{—}}$  ) – connecting letters together
- ✓ Fathah, Dammah, Kasrah (  $\overset{\sim}{\text{—}}$   $\overset{\bump}{\text{—}}$   $\overset{\frown}{\text{—}}$  ) – Vowels
- ✓ Tanween (  $\overset{\sim}{\text{—}}$   $\overset{\bump}{\text{—}}$   $\overset{\frown}{\text{—}}$  ) – Double vowels
- ✓ Shaddah/Tashdeed (  $\overset{\text{ˆ}}{\text{—}}$  ) – Connection and Repetition of sound
- ✓ Makhraj – The place from where the sound of a letter comes from.

The 29 Arabic letters are pronounced from 17 different places or *Makharij*

### II. Letter Groups

- a) Maddah Letters: **اوي** (long vowels)  
The letter will be pronounced long (Maddah) if **both** of the following are true:
- 1) the letter before the Alif has a Fathah OR  
the letter before the Wow has a Dammah OR  
the letter before the Ya has a Kasrah
  - 2) the Alif, Wow, or Ya has a sakin on it.
- b) Guttural Letters (should feel the sounds rising in the throat when pronouncing these letters):
- |                        |   |    |
|------------------------|---|----|
| Front of the throat -  | غ | خ  |
| Middle of the throat - | ع | ح  |
| Back of the throat -   | ء | هـ |
- c) Shafawi Letters (pronounced with the lips): **ب و م ف**

### III. Writing / Vocabulary

Practice how to spell and connect the 8 letters below in the beginning, middle, and end of each word in the vocabulary homework and quizzes. You should also know the meaning of each word. There are three words for each letter which is a total of 24 words. (Refer to handouts/notes)

#### IV. Pronunciation:

<p>ك</p> <p>Pronounced like the K sound in English There are many English words with this sound such as <u>c</u>at or <u>k</u>ite</p>	<p>ق</p> <p>Heavy sound – Lisani letter – pronounced using back of the tongue No sound like it in English.</p>
<p>س</p> <p>Pronounced like the S sound in English. There are many English words with this sound such as <u>s</u>nake or <u>s</u>mile</p>	<p>ص</p> <p>Heavy sound – Lisani letter – make circle with lips No sound like it in English</p>
<p>ه</p> <p>Pronounced like the H sound in English There are many English words with this sound such as <u>h</u>at or <u>h</u>ouse</p>	<p>ح</p> <p>Heavy sound – pronounced from the middle of the throat No sound like it in English.</p>
<p>ا</p> <p>Pronounced like the A sound in English There are many English words with this sound such as <u>a</u>pple</p>	<p>ع</p> <p>Heavy sound – pronounced from the middle of the throat. No sound like it in English.</p>

#### V. Arabic Numbers

0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1  
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Study all homework, handouts, notes, and quizzes!

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