

FOUNDATIONS OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN
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ABSTRACT

The Holy Qur'ān emphasizes on education, research, and development. This research aims to develop a research methodology from the Holy Qur'anic viewpoint, which can be applied in all disciplines, to conduct high quality, advanced, and acceptable research. The researcher applies three methodologies: inductive, qualitative, and analytical. The researcher focuses on many aspects of research, including Qur'anic research and research methods, Qur'anic verses that describe the foundations of research, Qur'anic research goals, research methodology, and research ethics in light of the Holy Qur'ān. It exposes three main approaches in the Holy Qur'ān, where Allāh commands, motivates, and questions humans about research in a variety of fields, topics, and issues. Allāh uses seventeen styles in commanding humans, motivating them, and questioning them about research. These styles are general, objective, informative, thematic, causative, prohibitive, reminding, competitive, certainty, specification, question, answer, guidance, conditional, comparative, challenge, and prediction style. In addition, this research identifies eighteen research terminologies in the Holy Qur'ān. These terminologies are: *al-qirāatu, tafakkur, an-nazr, tadabbur, al-juhd, tadhakkur, fiqh, ta'aqqul, adrak, zann, fatabaiyyanū, as-suwāl, sīrū, lātufsidū, awa lam yaraū, alam tara, fastabiqū, and as-sh'ūr*. Similarly, the research gets eight terminologies in the Holy Qur'ān that talk about researchers and their prestigious position. These terms are *al-rāsikhū, aūlū al-bāb, ahl al-dhikr, al-'ulamā', qawmun ya'qilūn, qawmun yatafakkarūn, qawmun yasma'ūn, and qawmun ya'lamūn*. In addition, the Glorious Qur'ān classifies research scopes into three areas: the tangible and intangible entities in heavens, in the earth, and in between heavens and earth. Research goals are categorized into immediate goals and ultimate goals from the Qur'anic perspective. It derives eleven main methodological principles from the Holy Qur'ān. Twelve terminologies in the Holy Qur'ān motivate to be ethical researchers. Apart from that, this research derives twenty ethical factors from the Holy Qur'anic perspective, which might guide researchers to manage high quality, outstanding, advanced, and acceptable research. Finally, the status of performing rudimentary research is *farḍ al-'ayin* (individual obligatory duty) while advanced research is *farḍ al-kifāya* (sufficiency duty) for high-educated skilful ethical researchers.

خلاصة البحث

يؤكد القرآن الكريم بالتعليم، والبحث، والتطوير. يهدف هذا البحث إلى تطوير منهجية بحث في ضوء القرآن الكريم الذي يمكن تطبيقها في جميع التخصصات من أجل إجراء أبحاث ذات جودة عالية، ومتقدمة، ومقبولة. يطبق الباحث ثلاث منهجيات: الاستقرائي، والنوعي، والتحليلي. يركز الباحث على العديد من النقاط المتعلقة بالموضوع، مثل البحوث والمنهجيات، والآيات القرآنية التي تفهم منها بيان أسس البحث، والأهداف القرآنية من البحث، والمبادئ المنهجية للبحث، وأخلاقيات الباحث في ضوء القرآن الكريم. ويعرض القرآن ثلاث مناهج مهمة، حيث أمر الله الناس، وشجعهم، وسألهم بإجراء البحث في مختلف العلوم، والموضوعات، والقضايا. وبناء على هذه المناهج الثلاثة، يستخدم الله سبعة عشر أسلوبًا في الأمر، والتشجيع، والتساؤل لإجراء البحوث. سبعة عشر أسلوب هي: عام، وموضوعي، وإعلامي، وإنشائي، وسببي، وتحريمي، وتذكيري، وتنافسي، ويقين، وتحديد، وسؤال، وإجابة، وإرشاد، وشرطي، ومقارن، وتحدي، وتنبؤ. وعلاوة على ذلك، يشرح هذا البحث ثمانية عشر مصطلحًا يتعلق بالبحث في القرآن الكريم. هذه المصطلحات هي القراءة، والتفكير، والنظر، والتدبير، والجهد، والتدبير، والفقهاء، والتعقل، والسؤال، والشعور، وأدرك، وظن، وتبينوا، وسيروا، ولا تفسدوا، وأولم يروا، وألم تر، واستبقوا. يشرح البحث أيضًا ثمانية مصطلحات في القرآن الكريم، تتحدث عن الباحثين وموقعهم المرموق: الراسخون، وأولو الباب، وأهل الذكر، والعلماء، وقوم يعقلون، وقوم يتفكرون، وقوم يسمعون، وقوم يعلمون. يتم تصنيف مجالات البحث إلى ثلاث مجالات: الكيانات الملموسة، والكيانات غير الملموسة في السماء والأرض، والكيانات الملموسة وغير الملموسة بين السماء والأرض. تصنف أهداف البحث إلى أهداف فورية وأهداف نهائية من منظور قرآني. ووجد الباحث أحد عشر مبدأً منهجيًا مستمدًا من القرآن الكريم. تم استخدام اثني عشر مصطلحًا لتحفيز الباحثين على أن يكونوا أخلاقيين، باستخدام عشرين عاملاً أخلاقيًا من القرآن نفسه. وفي الختام، فإن إجراء البحث البدائي هو فرض العين في حين أن البحث المتقدم هو فرض الكفاية للباحثين الأخلاقيين الماهرين والمتعلمين تعليمًا عاليًا.

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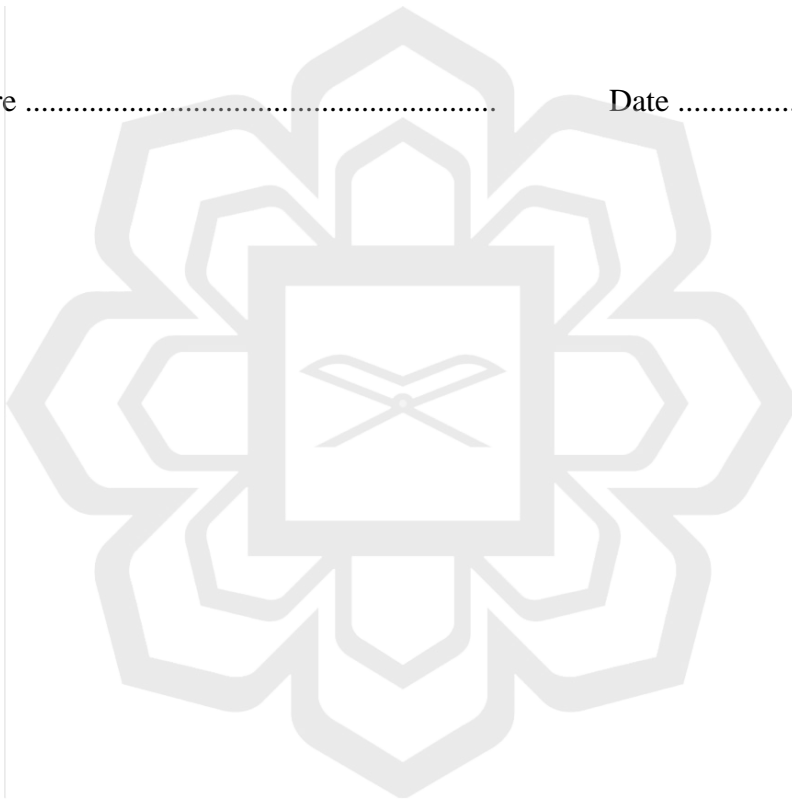
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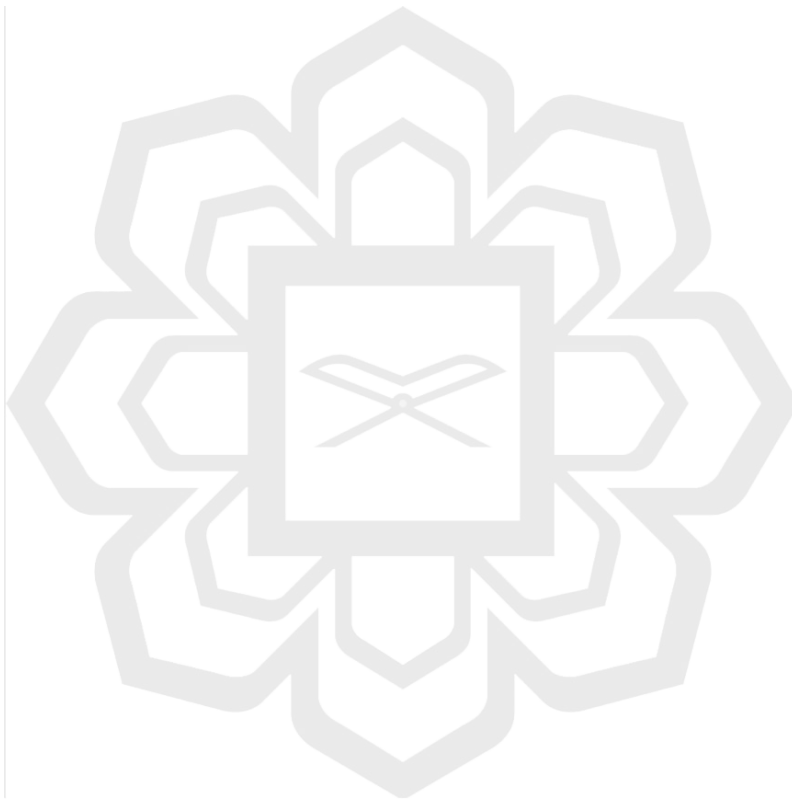
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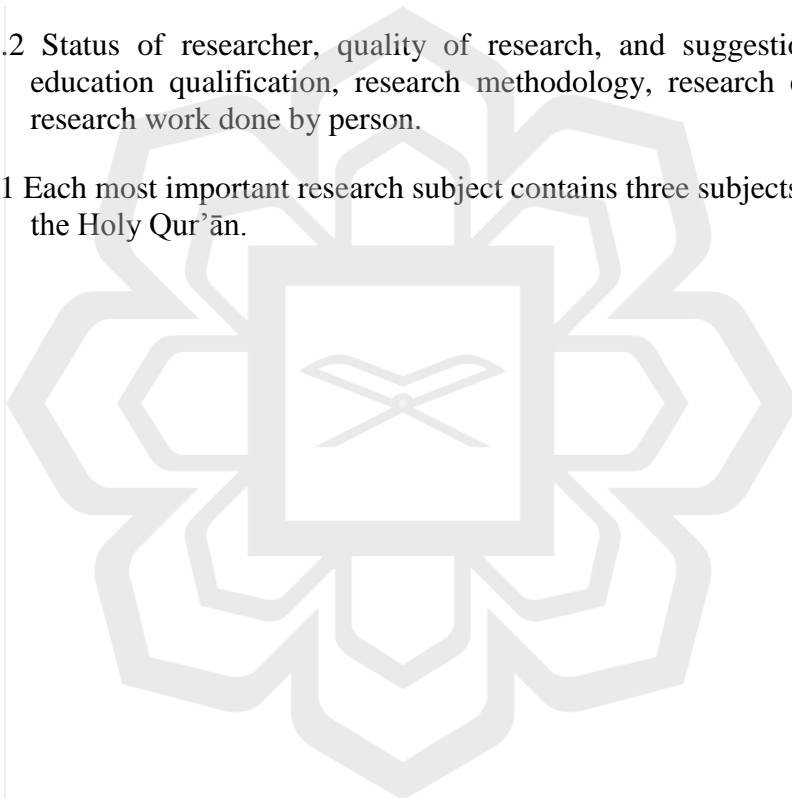
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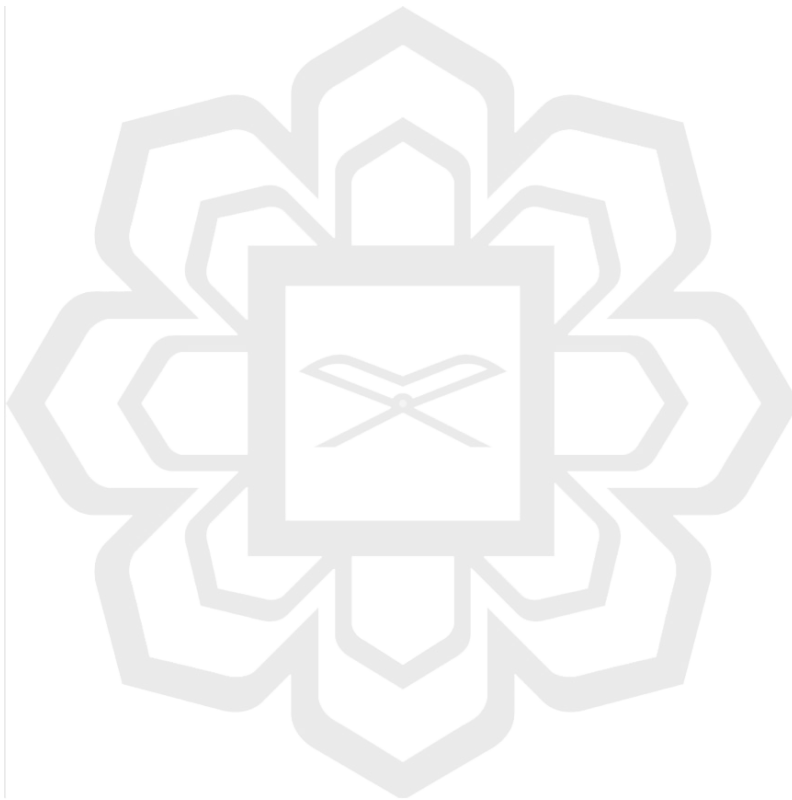
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DC	Divine creativity
IV	Independent Variable
DV	Dependent variable
C.	Copyright
Cf.	Compare
e.g.	For example,
EGP	Establishing Global Peace
Et al.	And other
etc.	and so forth
Ibid	in the same place
i.e.	that is
n.d.	no date
n.p	no place: no publisher
no.	Number
sec./secs.	Section/sections
vol./vols.	Volume/volumes
vs.	versus, against

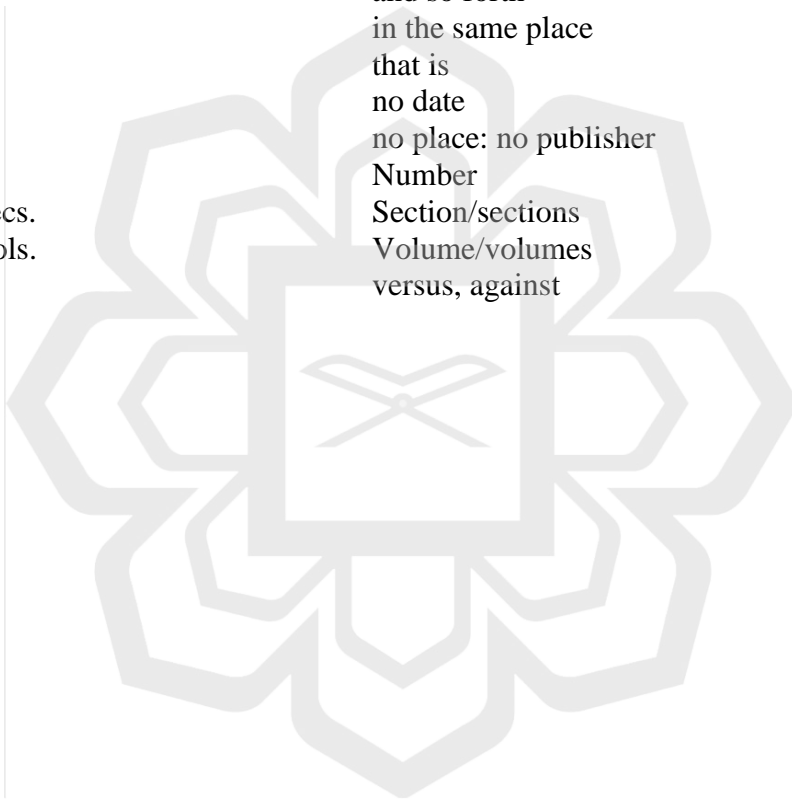


TABLE OF NON-ENGLISH TERMS

<p>'<i>Adl</i> <i>Adraka</i> <i>Aḥadīth</i></p>	<p>Justice Perceiving <i>Aḥadīth</i> plural form of <i>Ḥadīth</i>. A collection of Prophetic traditions containing sayings, deeds, opinions, characteristics of Prophet Muḥammad Ṣallā-llāhū 'Alayhi Wa Sallam, with accounts of his daily practices (the Sunna), constitute the major source of guidance for Muslims.</p>
<p><i>Aḥkam</i> <i>Ahl al-Dhikr</i> <i>'Ajīb al-Ta'rif</i></p>	<p>Islamic commandments Scholars of the previous Books Wonderful setting up of appropriate words</p>
<p><i>Akhlāq</i> <i>Allāh Subḥānahu Wa T'āla</i> <i>Al-'Alaq</i> <i>'Alaihi As-salām</i> <i>'Alaq</i> <i>Al-Auslub Al-Khaṣ</i> <i>Al-Auslub Al-Khbari</i></p>	<p>Ethics, morals Allāh glorified and exalted be He The clot of blood May peace be upon him A clot of blood Definite style Predicate style, news style and informative style</p>
<p><i>Al-Auslub Al-'Amm</i> <i>'Al-I'jāz al-Aslūb al-Bayānī fī al-Qur'ān'</i> <i>Al-I'jāz Al-Balāgī</i> <i>Al-I'jāz Al-Bayānī</i> <i>Al-I'jāz Al-Gaybī</i> <i>Al-I'jāz Al-'ilmī</i> <i>Al-I'jāz Al-Lafẓī</i> <i>Al-i'jāz As-sawtī</i> <i>Al-I'jāz At-Tashrī'ī</i> <i>Al-Ism Al-Dhāt</i> <i>Al-Ism Al-Fe'l</i> <i>Al-Jahiliyyah</i> <i>Al-Juhdu</i> <i>Al-Khāliq</i> <i>Al-Qirāatu</i></p>	<p>General style The miracle of rhetoric style in the Holy Qur'ān. The rhetorical miracle The graphical miracles The miraculous miracle The scientific miracles Verbal miracle Miraculous sound rhythm The legislative miracle The self-name The verb name Ignorance Striving or self-exertion in any activity The Creator Reading with thinking, applying reason and previous experience</p>
<p><i>Al-Rāsikhūn</i></p>	<p>Those who are firmly grounded in knowledge</p>
<p><i>Al-Robubyyah</i> <i>Al-'Ulamā'</i></p>	<p>Lordship Allāh's servants those who have knowledge truly fear Him as He should</p>

<i>An-Nazr</i>	be feared. Observing something or someone carefully
<i>An-na zriyyah al- 'almāniyyah</i>	Secular theory
<i>An-Niyyah al- Ḥasanah</i>	Good intention
<i>'Ar-Rabb'</i>	The Lord
<i>As-Sifah</i>	Adjective
<i>As-Suwāl</i>	Question
<i>Verse</i>	Qur'anic verse
<i>Ayat</i>	Qur'anic verses
<i>Badī' u an-Nzm</i>	Wonderful feature of sentence
<i>Birr</i>	Righteousness
<i>Bismillāh</i>	With the name of Allāh
<i>Fard al-Kifverse</i>	Sufficiency duty
<i>Fard 'Ayin</i>	Individual obligatory duty
<i>Fasād</i>	Calamity, disaster, ruin, adversity
<i>Fatabaiyyanū</i>	Examine the truth of information
<i>Fiqh</i>	Grasping
<i>'Ilah'</i>	God
<i>'Ilahak'</i>	Your God
<i>Haqq</i>	Truth and right
<i>Ḥarām</i>	Forbidden or prohibited by Islamic law.
<i>Hikmah</i>	Wisdoms
<i>Ibḥth</i>	Do research
<i>Iḥsan</i>	Kindness
<i>Imān</i>	Belief in six pillars of <i>imān</i>
<i>Khayr</i>	Goodness
<i>Khuluq</i>	Good character
<i>Maf'ul Bihi</i>	Object
<i>Makruh</i>	Disliked or offensive act
<i>Mandūb</i>	'Recommended
<i>Manhaj</i>	Method, rule and a clear path
<i>Mubāh</i>	Permissible action
<i>Nahi Anil Munkar</i>	Forbid what is reprehensible
<i>Qawmun Ya 'lamūn</i>	People of (innate) knowledge
<i>Qawmun Ya 'qilūn</i>	People who apply their intellectuality
<i>Qawmun Yatafakkarūn</i>	People who reflect upon the matter of this world and the hereafter
<i>Qawmun Ysma 'ūn</i>	People who obey and believe
<i>Qist</i>	Equity
<i>Qur'ān</i>	The Holy Qur'ān word of God as revealed upon Prophet Muḥammad Ṣallāllāhū 'Alayhi Wa Sallam by the Angel Gabriel A.S and written down in Arabic. The Holy Qur'ān consists of 114 units known as suras.
<i>'Rabbik'</i>	Your Lord
<i>Rasūllāhi ṢallAllāhu 'Alayhi Wasallam</i>	The Messenger of Allāh may the blessings and peace of Allāh be upon him