

# “In Love Forever” – Islamic Marriage workshop/course

## 2011 Students Competition – Yrs 10, 11 & 12

**HikmahWay Institute** *Wisdom for the Best of Both Worlds*

**DATE:** Saturday 15th Oct, 2011  
**TIME:** 9.30am to 5.00pm  
**VENUE:** Copeland Theatre, Melbourne University  
**COURSE AIM:** To educate today’s youth about Islamic guidance on marriage and how to successfully navigate the issues and challenges we face today

**PRESENTER:** Sheikh/Doctor Aslam Abulsmael ([www.facebook.com/AslamAbulsmael](http://www.facebook.com/AslamAbulsmael))

- ‘Aalim’ course at Medina University (from Faculty of Shariah)
- ‘Diploma of Education’ from Victoria University of Technology
- ‘Bachelor of Dental Science’ from University of Queensland
- Regularly conducts *marriage counselling* for couples
- Founder/Director of:
  - HikmahWay Institute ([www.HikmahWay.com](http://www.HikmahWay.com))
  - Sunnah Inspirations ([www.SunnahInspirations.org](http://www.SunnahInspirations.org))
  - IslamWorldTV ([www.IslamWorldTV.com](http://www.IslamWorldTV.com))
  - AMYN ‘Australian Muslim Youth Network’ ([www.amynweb.com](http://www.amynweb.com))
  - MECA Project ‘Multicultural Educational Centre of Australia’ ([www.MECAproject.com](http://www.MECAproject.com))
  - The Islamic Message ([www.TheIslamicMessage.com](http://www.TheIslamicMessage.com))

**ORGANISED BY:** HikmahWay Institute  
**HOSTED BY:** University of Melbourne Islamic Society (UMIS)

### **BRIEF COURSE OUTLINE**

*Session One:* Fiqh of Marriage

*Session Two:* Biggest Support to Love in an Islamic Marriage

*Session Three:* Attributes of a Muslim Husband & Wife

*Session Four:* What to Expect From Newly Weds to Grandparents' Age

*Session Five:* Sources of Happiness and Successful Marriages from Quran and Sunnah

*Session Six:* Golden Principles to avoid trouble in marriages

*Session Seven:* A way out for a better future

The course will include workshop with real life examples of Muslims (both single and married couples) that have sought help from the Presenter over the years.

### **COMPETITION DETAILS**

1. Choose **one** of the five topics listed below and write an essay between 500 and 700 words
2. Students from years 10 to 12 are eligible to enter
3. Deadline to submit your work is 10pm Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>
4. Your work **must** include all of the following information (either at the start or the end):
  - Full Name, Male/Female, Year Level, School, Mobile or Home Phone, Email address, who will attend the course (yourself or a representative [named] – see point 8 below)
5. Submission is by email to [contact@hikmahway.com](mailto:contact@hikmahway.com)
6. Upon submission you will receive a confirmation email. Contact us if you do not get this within 48hrs
7. You must attend the course to be eligible for the prize. If you are not able to attend due to exam studies, you may elect to be represented on the day by your parent or sibling (age 18+)
8. On the day of the course, the TOP 5 essays will be shown to the audience & awards given to the winners

## **PRIZES – INDIVIDUAL**

Prizes will be awarded on the day (to the student or their nominated representative):

- a) Year 12 – **Laptop**
- b) Year 11 – **MP3 Player**
- c) Year 10 – **Mobile Phone**

## **PRIZES – SCHOOL**

Prize will be awarded to the school with most entries – **DVD set of Sh. Aslam for the School Library**

## **QUESTIONS / TOPICS**

Each student is to choose **one** of the following topics to write about:

1. Islam encourages us to get married instead of having a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship. Compare and contrast what you believe are the benefits & effects on the youth today of both the 'Islamic way' and 'the other ways'.
2. Marriage according to Islam is with a great purpose. What do you understand is the purpose of marriage that both husband and wife should strive for?
3. Divorce rates in our society are phenomenally high. Why do you think, a) men and b) women, are driven to seek a divorce and what are some solutions to these problems?
4. Identify and discuss what you feel are the key ingredients to a successful and happy marriage.
5. What are the characteristics of an ideal a) husband and b) wife and what do you feel are the roles of husband and wife in a marriage?

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

*The following is an indication of the criteria that will be used to judge all entries. It must be noted that the judgement is final and no arguments will be entertained or explanations provided.*

- (1) FORM (20%)
  - Organisation of ideas
  - Use of language & Grammar
  - Appropriate Introduction & Conclusion
- (2) CONTENT (50%)
  - Explanation & Clarity of main points/ideas/arguments
  - Use of texts (Islamic and other) to support/provide evidence for ideas/arguments
- (3) IMPRESSION (30%)
  - How well is the essence of the question answered
  - Overall impression/feeling the Judge gets from reading the essay

## **CONTACT PERSON**

If you have any questions, please email [contact@hikmahway.com](mailto:contact@hikmahway.com) or call Dr Ahsan Hussain (0450 089 830)