# IslamicEval 2025: The First Shared Task of Capturing LLMs Hallucination in Islamic Content

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#### **Abstract**

Hallucination in Large Language Models (LLMs) remains a significant challenge and continues to draw substantial research attention. The problem becomes especially critical when hallucinations arise in sensitive domains, such as religious discourse. To address this gap, we introduce IslamicEval 2025—the first shared task specifically focused on evaluating and detecting hallucinations in Islamic content. The task consists of two subtasks: (1) Hallucination Detection and Correction of quoted verses (Ayahs) from the Holy Quran and quoted Hadiths; and (2) Qur'an and Hadith Question Answering, which assesses retrieval models and LLMs by requiring answers to be retrieved from grounded, authoritative sources. Thirteen teams participated in the final phase of the shared task, employing a range of pipelines and frameworks. Their diverse approaches underscore both the complexity of the task and the importance of effectively managing hallucinations in Islamic discourse.

#### 1 Introduction

Large Language Models (LLMs) are becoming an integral part of natural language processing applications in Arabic. Recent advancements have produced several Arabic-focused and multilingual LLMs, such as Jais (Sengupta et al., 2023), Allam (Bari et al., 2024), and Fanar (Fanar Team et al., 2025), which have shown promising results across a variety of tasks, from open-domain question answering to content generation. However, alongside these advances, a critical challenge remains unresolved, namely hallucination, i.e. the generation of text that appears plausible but is factually incorrect or fabricated (Rawte et al., 2023).

This issue is particularly sensitive in domains where accuracy and authenticity are paramount, such as religion. In the Arabic-speaking world, religious topics are not only culturally central but also frequently searched, discussed, and queried online and in social media (Abokhodair et al., 2020; Fawzi et al., 2025), often driven by a deep sense of learning, curiosity, and at times, skepticism. This has made religious discourse, particularly question answering, among the most common applications of Arabic LLMs, both directly and indirectly.

Among religious sources, the Qur'an and Hadith literature stand out due to their sacred status and the high expectations of precision when they are quoted or referenced. The Qur'an, regarded as the ultimate and divine word of Allah, serves as the foundation of Islamic teachings. In tandem, Hadith encompasses the sayings, deeds, and implied approvals of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), serving in part as a practical illustration of Qur'anic teachings (Musallam, 2022). Given this sanctity, LLM hallucination in Islamic content poses serious risks: it can lead to misattributions, paraphrased verses falsely labeled as genuine, or entirely fabricated Hadiths (Fawzi et al., 2026), raising serious ethical, theological, and social concerns. Such hallucinations can unintentionally propagate misinformation or be exploited for disinformation, undermining trust in AI technologies and amplifying harm.

To address this gap, we have organized the IslamicEval 2025 shared task at ArabicNLP 2025, which consists of two subtasks: (1) Hallucination Detection and Correction, and (2) Qur'an and Hadith Question Answering (QA). The first subtask focuses on detecting and correcting hallucinations in Qur'an and Hadith content within Arabic LLM-generated text. To our knowledge, it is the first task of its kind to target semantic and sourcefaithful evaluation of generated religious text. The second subtask is primarily intended to provide authentic QA benchmarks and standardized evalu-

<sup>1</sup>https://sites.google.com/view/
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ation testbeds for question answering models and systems on the Holy Qur'an and Hadith. Such benchmarks and testbeds are of paramount importance in the era of Generative AI, as they constitute a first line of defense against hallucination.

To this end, we aim to bring the Arabic NLP community together to develop robust systems for hallucination detection, localization, verification, and correction, as well as question answering on the Qur'an and Hadith:

**Detection** Determine whether a generated Arabic text contains a claimed Qur'anic verse (Ayah) or a Hadith. This involves building systems capable of semantic matching against canonical sources, accounting for variations in phrasing / paraphrasing.

**Span Identification**: Identify the exact span within the text corresponding to the claimed verse or Hadith. This requires models to accurately delimit religious content from surrounding context, often under noisy or stylistically varied conditions.

**Verification** Assess whether the detected quote is accurate—i.e., whether it exists in the authentic sources (e.g., Qur'an text or recognized Hadith collections) and is correctly cited. This step combines information retrieval with textual entailment techniques.

**Correction** If a quote is found to be inaccurate or hallucinated, reproduce the correct version, being the closest matching verse or Hadith if it exists, or indicate it is fabricated if no close match is found.

Passage Retrieval Given a free-text question in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), a collection of Qur'anic passages covering the Holy Qur'an, and a collection of Hadiths from Sahih Al-Bukhari, the system must retrieve a ranked list of up to 20 answer-bearing passages—Qur'anic passages or Hadiths—that may contain one or more answers to the question, drawn from both collections.

This task raises unique NLP challenges:

- Fuzzy matching and paraphrase detection for verses and Hadiths expressed in non-standard forms;
- Robustness to stylistic variation and dialectal influence in generated text;
- Semantic grounding in authoritative religious corpora;
- Trust-sensitive evaluation, where false positives and false negatives have different and

context-dependent implications.

We believe this shared task will catalyze research in faithful generation, hallucination detection, and knowledge-grounded NLP—not only for Arabic but as a reference for similar tasks in other languages and sensitive domains. It also supports the broader goal of responsible AI, promoting the development of LLMs that are not only fluent but also accurate, culturally aware, and ethically aligned.

# 2 IslamicEval Task 1: Hallucination Detection and Correction

Task 1 of the IslamicEval shared task addresses the detection and correction of hallucinations in LLM outputs that reference Qur'anic verses and Prophetic Hadiths. It is organized into three subtasks: identifying the intended references, validating their correctness against authoritative sources, and providing corrected versions when errors are found. The following subsections present the task setup, datasets, annotation guidelines, evaluation metrics, and results of participating systems.

# 2.1 Task Description

# 1. Subtask A - Identification of Intended verses (Qur'anic Ayahs) and Hadiths (Prophetic say-

ings) Given an LLM-generated response, participants will determine the spans of the "intended", since they might be inaccurate, verses and Hadiths in the text. Spans are represented by the character indexes, e.g. from character 0 to character 72 (inclusive). Evaluation is based on span precision and recall (macro-averaged F1 score). References to verse number and Hadith narrators and punctuations are ignored in this version.

## 2. Subtask B - Validation of content accuracy

For each identified verse and Hadith, participants will categorize them as correct or incorrect based on established Islamic references. Evaluation is based on accuracy. Incorrect diacritics will be considered as mistakes.

### 3. Subtask C - Correction of Erroneous Content.

Participants will provide corrected versions for any incorrectly quoted verse or Hadith, ensuring fidelity to the original sources. Evaluation is based on accuracy. Note that complete verse(s) from the Qur'an and complete Hadiths are expected. Writing and diacritics should be obtained from the shared Qur'an and Hadith sources.

# 2.2 Dataset

Starting from Qur'an QA 2023 dataset (n=251) that covers a broad range of topics including Fiqh, Tafsir, and Islamic teachings, a training (174), validation (25), and test (52) sets were created.

Six LLMs were prompted with the questions, with the prompt explicitly asking the models to cite Qur'anic and Hadith evidence in their responses (see Appendix B for the prompt). The question—output pairs, along with anonymized model IDs, were stored in XML format. The models used could be seen in Table 1. The LLM choice aimed to balance Arabic-focused models with state-of-theart multilingual ones.

# 2.3 Annotation Setup and Guidelines

The generated answers were manually annotated by domain experts using the Label Studio platform (Tkachenko et al., 2020-2025). A separate annotation task was created for each question—response pair. Annotators were instructed to highlight every span containing an intended Qur'anic verse or Hadith and assign it one of four labels: Correct Qur'an, Incorrect Qur'an, Correct Hadith, or Incorrect Hadith. For each span marked as incorrect, annotators were required to either provide the corrected text or write "خطَّ" (Wrong) if no valid correction existed. Figure 1 shows an example of an annotated output.

All annotators were experts in Islamic studies to ensure accuracy and reliability. Qur'anic references were standardized to the Uthmani script, while Hadith references were cross-checked against the six authoritative collections (الكتب السنة) including Sahih al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim. The annotation guidelines emphasized precise span boundary selection and careful evaluation of correctness. The full annotation guidelines are available in Appendix C.

#### 2.4 Evaluation Measures

Each subtask in Task 1 was evaluated using metrics suited to its specific objectives:

**Subtask A (Identification)** Performance was measured using the **macro-averaged F1** score, computed at the character level by classifying each character in the response string as belonging to a Qur'anic verse, a Hadith, or neither. Macro-averaged F1 is well-suited for this subtask because the data is highly imbalanced, with far fewer Ayah and Hadith spans than "neither", so accuracy

alone would be misleading. Character-level F1 ensures that partial matches and boundary errors are fairly captured, while macro-averaging gives equal weight to each class rather than letting the dominant class overwhelm the results.

**Subtask B (Validation)** Accuracy was used as the evaluation metric, defined as the proportion of correctly assigned labels (Correct or Incorrect) over the total number of labels.

Subtask C (Correction) Accuracy was used, defined as the proportion of corrected outputs that exactly matched the corresponding ground truth over the total number of corrections. Strict accuracy was adopted for this subtask because even minor deviations - such as omitted words or altered diacritics - can substantially affect the meaning of a Qur'anic verse or Hadith. To avoid penalizing superficial formatting inconsistencies, both reference and system outputs were preprocessed prior to evaluation by removing default diacritics (e.g., sukun).

# 2.5 Task Setup

The dataset comprises 1,506 annotated answers (251 questions × 6 models). The development set corresponds to the original Qur'an QA 2023 dev set, consisting of 10% of the generations (n=150), yielding 50 annotated answers per subtask A, B and C. Similarly, the test set corresponds to the Qur'an QA 2023 test set, consisting of 20% of the questions (n=312), yielding 104 annotated answers per subtask. All annotations for development and test sets were manually reviewed and refined through multiple iterations (with the help of validation scripts) to ensure accuracy before release. A revised version of the training set (n=1,044) will be released in the future.

To facilitate participation, we hosted three competitions on CodaBench<sup>2</sup>. The development sets, along with the Qur'an and Hadith texts in JSON format (see Appendix D for a sample), were made publicly available. Participants were required to rely exclusively on the provided data.

The competition was launched on June 16, with test sets released on July 29, and final submissions closed on August 8. The shared task drew strong engagement, with 20 participants in Subtask 1A (87 submissions), 16 participants in Subtask 1B (41 submissions), and 15 participants in Subtask

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.codabench.org/competitions/9820/, https://www.codabench.org/competitions/9822/, and https://www.codabench.org/competitions/9824/



Figure 1: Example of an annotated LLM response. Question translation: "What is the evidence that the prophets and messengers do not know the unseen?". Spans highlighted in light green and dark green represent correct Qur'anic verses and Hadiths, respectively. Spans highlighted in light red and dark red represent incorrect Qur'anic verses and Hadiths. Corrections for each incorrect span are listed in the box at the bottom.

Model	#Answers	Avg Word Len	#Ayahs	Correct%	#Hadiths	Correct%
ALLaM-7B-Instruct-preview	251	297	1104	84.06	654	59.33
In-house fine-tuned Gemma-2-9b	251	153	548	65.33	372	38.17
In-house fine-tuned Gemma-2-9b + RAG*	246	742	1634	82.01	467	63.17
Jais-13B-Chat	251	46	151	41.72	83	26.51
Qwen3-8B	251	202	379	6.86	55	1.82
Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	251	230	797	4.77	564	0.53

Table 1: Performance of models during dataset curation where LLM responses were annotated by experts. The model families include ALLam (Bari et al., 2024), Jais (Sengupta et al., 2023), Llama-3 (Grattafiori et al., 2024), Qwen3 (Qwen Team, 2025), in addition to fine-tuned versions of Gemma-2 (Gemma Team, 2024) developed in-house by the Fanar team (Fanar Team et al., 2025). Model marked with \* failed to give answer to some questions. Best results in generating correct verses and Hadiths are written in bold.

1C (59 submissions). Since some teams submitted under multiple individual accounts, this amounted to five distinct teams overall, listed in Table 2.

Teams were allowed to submit an unlimited number of runs; however, only their most recent three submissions were considered for evaluation. Results were provided to participants on these final three runs, and they were requested to describe them in their system description papers.

## 2.5.1 Participating Teams

**Burhan AI** (Al Adel et al., 2025): For Subtask 1A, the authors fine-tuned a domain-adapted LLM (gpt-4.1-mini) for hallucination span detection, incorporating synthetic augmentation, diacritic variation, and morphological normalization to enhance robustness (F1 = 87.10%). In addition, they explored an agentic approach with specialized tools (OpenAI's code interpreter), achieving an **F1 of 90.06%** (**Best in subtask 1A**). For Subtasks 1B (Accuracy = 88.60%) and 1C (Accuracy = 66.56%), they developed a multistage hierarchical correction pipeline that combined exact, normalized, fuzzy, and semantic matching with prompt-driven repair to ensure canonical alignment and diacritic fidelity.

HUMAIN (Omayrah et al., 2025): HUMAIN addressed Subtask 1 using a three-stage LLM-based pipeline grounded in the TANL framework (Paolini et al., 2021). For Subtask 1A, they modeled span detection as sequence-to-sequence annotation with bracket-based tags aligned via dynamic programming, with an alternative guided decoding setup through vLLM producing structured JSON. This achieved a strong 87.20% F1 on the test set. In Subtask 1B, validation combined retrieval-based similarity with strict substring matching, using higher thresholds for Qur'anic verses and exact substring logic for Hadith, yielding 86.14% accuracy. Finally, Subtask 1C correction employed multi-stage matching - exact, LCS alignment, and semantic reranking with bge-reranker-v2-m3 reaching 68.18% accuracy, though rare Hadiths and implicit references remained challenging.

TCE (ElKoumy et al., 2025): The TCE team tackled Subtasks 1A and 1B of IslamicEval 2025 using few-shot prompting with state-of-the-art LLMs such as Qwen-235B (MoE) and GPT-4o. For span detection (1A), they used prompts

enriched with trigger words and citation patterns, as well as chunking, and fuzzy matching to identify Qur'anic and Hadith content, achieving a macro-F1 of 86.11% on the test set. For 1B, they designed a retrieval-augmented pipeline: Qur'anic spans were retrieved with word-level fuzzy voting and Hadith with character n-gram TF-IDF, then verified by LLMs with strict word-for-word rules for Qur'an and lenient matching for Hadith. This hybrid system, enhanced with an efficient early-exit strategy, scored 89.82% accuracy (Best in Subtask 1B) on the test set, with GPT-40 outperforming Gemma variants and showing improved performance when diacritics were preserved.

Isnad AI (Elden, 2025): The authors proposed a rule-based preprocessing and augmentation pipeline that systematically transforms raw religious texts into a large-scale, high-quality training corpus. The pipeline embeds processed Qur'anic verses and Hadiths into contextual templates. A set of common prefixes (eg. قال الله تعالى "God Almighty said") and suffixes (eg. رواه البخاري "Narrated by Al-Bukhari") was applied, and each unique instance was expanded into multiple training examples by randomly combining it with different prefixes, suffixes, and neutral connecting sentences. The authors reported that synthetic data generation using AraGPT was less effective.

#### 2.5.2 Task 1 Results

Table 2 shows the results for Task 1 across the three subtasks. Participating systems employed a wide range of approaches to detect the intended Qur'anic verses and Hadiths, including LLMs such as GPT-4 and Qwen, as well as fuzzy matching with search engines and rule-based techniques. Our evaluation shows a significant performance gap: the rule-based approach (e.g. Isnad AI) lag considerably behind LLM-based systems, highlighting the inherent difficulty of this task. Lists of rules and patterns are insufficient to capture the diverse styles and degrees of distortion found in LLM generations.

We also observe that detecting the textual boundaries of verses and Hadiths is substantially easier than correcting them, underscoring the fact that hallucinations in LLM outputs are often non-trivial to repair. Recovery from hallucinated references remains highly challenging, suggesting that hallucination prevention should occur during generation, e.g. via RAG to constrain outputs to authentic sources, instead of post-hoc correction.

Finally, we find that models perform consistently better on Qur'anic verses than on Hadiths (either by the participating teams or the LLMs in Table 1). This can be attributed to the relative size and structure of the corpora: the Qur'an is comparatively compact and standardized, whereas Hadith collections (e.g., the six authoritative books) are far larger and more variable, making hallucination detection and correction more complex.

# 3 IslamicEval Task 2: Qur'an and Hadith Question Answering

In this section, we define Task 2, its dataset, annotation and evaluation setup, and the measures used to rank systems. Results are presented and discussed before concluding with an overview of the approaches adopted by the systems of participating teams (with accepted description papers).

# 3.1 Task Description

The Qur'an and Hadith QA subtask is a continuation of the Qur'an QA 2022<sup>3</sup> (Malhas et al., 2022) and Qur'an QA 2023<sup>4</sup> (Malhas et al., 2023) Shared Tasks. This year's subtask introduces Hadith as an additional Islamic resource for answering questions, marking the first such inclusion in the task's history. We define the task as follows: Given a free-text question in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), a collection of Qur'anic passages covering the Holy Qur'an, and a collection of Hadiths from Sahih Al-Bukhari, systems are required to retrieve a ranked list of up to 20 answer-bearing Qur'anic passages or Hadiths (i.e., that potentially contain the answer(s) to the given question) drawn from these two collections. Questions may be factoid or non-factoid. Example questions with answerbearing Qur'anic passages and Hadith matns are exhibited in Figures 2 and 3, respectively. The matn refers to the core text of the Hadith itself, while the isnad outlines the chain of narrators who convey and authenticate the matn (Azmi et al., 2019).

To better reflect real-world conditions and make the task more challenging, we included questions that lack answers in the Qur'an and/or Sahih Al-Bukhari. We label a question *zero-answer* only when neither source contains an answer. For such questions, the ideal system returns no result; otherwise, it should output a ranked list of up to 20 answer-bearing Qur'anic passages or Hadith *matns*.

<sup>3</sup>https://sites.google.com/view/quran-qa-2022

<sup>4</sup>https://sites.google.com/view/quran-qa-2023

	Subtask 1A			Subtask 1B			Subtask 1C					
Team Name	F1%	F1-Q	F1-H	Rank	Acc%	Acc-Q	Acc-H	Rank	Acc%	Acc-Q	Acc-H	Rank
Burhan AI	90.06	89.47	86.99	1	88.60	89.45	86.63	2	66.56	65.70	67.65	2
HUMAIN	87.20	86.61	85.11	2	86.14	90.20	76.74	3	68.18	62.21	75.74	1
TCE	86.11	86.60	80.51	3	89.82	91.21	86.63	1	-	-	-	-
Isnad AI	66.97	72.39	48.94	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
mucAI*	44.88	46.24	29.80	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: Task 1 results across subtasks. Teams are ranked per subtask. The majority baseline in Subtask 1A is **36.17**% Macro-Avg. F1 (assuming no Ayah or Hadith), in Subtask 1B is **70.00**% (assuming all Ayahs and Hadiths are correct), and in Subtask 1C is **67.52**% (assuming all errors are not correctable). For Subtask 1A we report the overall Macro-averaged F1 (F1) and for Qur'an (F1-Q) and Hadith (F1-H) individually. Similarly, for Subtasks 1B and 1C we report the accuracies Acc, Acc-Q, and Acc-H. Teams marked with \* did not submit a system paper.

السؤال: من هم الملائكة المذكورون في القرآن؟				
Question: Who are the angels mentioned in Qur'an?				
الفقرات القر أنية الذهبية Gold Qur'anic Passages				
وَلْقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَى ٱلْكِتْبَ وَقَقَيْنَا مِنْ بَغدِهِ- بِٱلرُّسُلِ وَءَاتَيْنَا عِيسَى آبْنَ مَرْيَمَ ٱلْبَيِّلْتِ وَأَيْدُنْهُ بِرُوحٍ ٱلْقُدُسِ أَفْكُلُمَا جَآءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ بِمَا لَا جَهْوَىٰ				
أَنفُسُكُمْ آسْتَكْبَرَتُمْ فَفَرِيقًا كَذَّبْتُمْ وَفَرِيقًا تَقْتُلُونَ. وَقَالُواْ قُلُوبْنَا غُلفٌ بْلَ لَعَنَهُمُ آللَّهُ بِكُفْرِهِمْ فَقَلِيلًا هَا يُؤْمِنُونَ.				
قُلْ مَن كَانَ عَدُوًا لِجِبْرِيلَ فَإِنَّهُۥ نَزَلَهُۥ عَلَىٰ قَلْبِكَ بِإِذْنِ آللَّهِ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَهُدًى وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ. مَن كَانَ عَدُوًا لِلَّهِ وَمَلْيُكَتِهِۦ وَرُسُلِهِۦ				
وَجِبْرِيلَ وَمِيكُنلُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكُفْرِينَ. وَلَقَدْ أَنزَلْنَآ إِلَيْكَ ءَايَٰتٍ بَيَلْتٍ وَمَا يَكُفُرُ بِهَاۤ إِلَّا ٱلْفُسِقُونَ. أَوَكُلَّمَا عَهَدُواْ عَهْدًا نَّبَدَهُ فَرِيقٌ مِّنُهُم بَلْ				
أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ. وَلَا جَآءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ مِنْ عِندِ آللَّهِ مُصَدِّقٌ لِّا مَعَهُمْ نَبَذَ فَرِيقٌ مِّنَ ٱلَّذِينَ أُوتُواْ ٱلْكِتْبَ كِتَٰبَ ٱللَّهِ وَرَآءَ ظُهُورِهِمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ.				
وَآتَبَعُواْ مَا تَتْلُواْ آلشَّيْطِينُ عَلَىٰ مُلْكِ سُلَيْمْنَ وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمَٰنُ وَلَٰكِنَّ آلشَّيْطِينَ كَفَرُواْ يُعَلِّمُونَ آلنَّاسَ آلسِّحْرَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَى ٱلْلَكَيْنِ بِبَالِنَ هُ <mark>رُوت</mark>				
وَ <mark>مُرُوتَ</mark> وَمَا يُعَلِّمَانِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَقُولاً إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ فِتْنَةٌ فَلَا تَكُفُرُ فَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِقُونَ بِهِ - بَيْنَ ٱلْمُرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ - وَمَا هُم بِضَآرِينَ بِهِ - مِنْ				
أَحَدٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ آللَّهِ وَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنفَعُهُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُواْ لَمَنِ آشْتَرَنهُ مَا لَهُ فِي آلْءَاخِرَةِ مِنْ خَلْقٍ وَلَبِفْسَ مَا شَرَوْاْ بِهِ-أَنفُسَهُمْ لَوْ كَانُواْ				
يَعْلَمُونَ. وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ ءَامَنُواْ وَآتَقَوْاْ لِمُثْوِيَةٌ مِنْ عِندِ آللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَّوْ كَانُواْ يَعْلَمُونَ.				

Figure 2: An example question with some of its gold (answer-bearing) Qur'anic passages. Answers are highlighted.

## 3.2 Dataset

In this section, we introduce the test collections used for the Qur'an-Hadith QA subtask (or QH-QA for short). In information retrieval, a *test collection* consists of a document collection<sup>5</sup> (here, the Holy Qur'an and Sahih al-Bukhari), a set of queries (questions), and their relevance judgments (Lin and Katz, 2006) (i.e., the gold answers or, in our case, the passages that contain them).

The document collections used for this subtask comprise the Qur'anic Passage collection (QPC) (Swar, 2007; Malhas, 2023), and Sahih Al-Bukhari collection. QPC was developed by topically segmenting the 114 Qur'anic chapters using the Thematic Holy Qur'an (Swar, 2007)<sup>6</sup>, a printed edition that clusters the chapter verses into topics. This segmentation resulted in a total of 1,266 passages. For the Sahih Al-Bukhari collection, we used the Tajreed Sarih version (Al-Zubaidi, 2009) that comprises 2,254 Hadiths, from which redundant Hadiths, Arabic commentary, and chain of nar-

rators (except the last) have been excluded. However, Al-Zubaidi may repeat a Hadith if there was a beneficial addition in a later occurrence. Moreover, only authenticated Hadiths with a continuous chain of narrators are included in this collection. The digital version of this book<sup>7</sup> is available on shamela.ws, a project for collecting classical Arabic books. We contacted an Islamic scholar who provided us with an offline version of the book, which we parsed later to generate the final JSON lines (.jsonl) format<sup>8</sup>.

For the questions, we used the 250 questions of *AyaTEC v1.2* dataset (Malhas and Elsayed, 2020; Malhas et al., 2023), split into training (84%) and development (16%) sets. The relevance judgments for these questions are provided over the QPC **only**.

For the test dataset, we developed a new set of 71 questions, 23 of which are paraphrased versions of natural user prompts drawn from usage logs of the Fanar Arabic LLM (Fanar Team et al., 2025). Only 51 questions were used to evaluate the systems of participating teams. The relevance judgments for all 71 questions over the Qur'anic Passage col-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The term "document collection" or "collection" refers to a corpus or dataset (Lin et al., 2021); we use these terms interchangeably.

 $<sup>^6</sup>$ https://archive.org/details/Quran27/page/n13/mode/2up

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>shamela.ws/book/96283/

<sup>8</sup>https://gitlab.com/bigirqu/ quran-hadith-qa-2025

# السؤال: ما هي علامات يوم القيامة؟ Question: What are the signs of the Day of Judgment? Augustion: What are the signs of the Day of Judgment? Gold Hadith Matns (Texts) التُحْدُ فِيكُمْ كَفْعَاصِ الْغَنَهِ، فُمُّ اسْتِقَاصَةُ الْمَالِ حَيَّ يُعْطَى النَّجُيْنِ الْمُعْبِيةِ النَّاعِيَّةُ الْمَانِيَّةُ الْمَانِيَّةُ الْمَانِيِّ الْمُعْلِيقِ وَمُوكَانُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ اللَّهِ الْمَانِيَّةُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ

Figure 3: An example question with some of its gold (answer-bearing) Hadith matns from Sahih Al-Bukhari.

lection and the Sahih Al-Bukhari collection were conducted by Qur'an and Hadith specialists, as described in the next section.

We note that the relevance judgments for the test dataset will not be released. Nevertheless, future run submissions for evaluation on this dataset may be obtained by contacting one of the organizers. All datasets and test collections are publicly available in the official Qur'an-Hadith QA repository.<sup>9</sup>

# 3.3 Annotation Setup and Guidelines

Two annotation guidelines and rubrics, with illustrative examples, were meticulously developed for the Qur'an and Hadith specialists, labeling potential answer-bearing Quranic passages and Hadith *matns*. Each candidate passage or *matn* was annotated as either having a *direct answer*, an *indirect answer*, relevant but no answer, or irrelevant to a given question. The Arabic definitions for these labels are in Figures 7 and 8 (Appendix E).

Moreover, Arabic web-based GUIs were developed in line with these guidelines and rubrics to streamline annotation and gather specialistsuggested passages and matns potentially containing direct or indirect answers to the given question. **Retrieval and pooling**: We constructed a pooled candidate set per question by taking the deduplicated union of top-k results from multiple retrieval models. The pooled candidates were re-ranked using GPT-4.1 and GPT-4.1-mini. We applied a cutoff at the top-20 items after re-ranking to define the Round 1 candidate set presented to annotators. Annotation rounds and coverage. In Round 1, specialists annotated the re-ranked top-20 candidates per question (across both collections). In Round 2, they annotated additional candidates that they had proposed during Round 1. Round 3 took

place after the test-set submission phase closed, during which specialists annotated a pooled candidate set per question, formed as the deduplicated union of the top-k responses from the best submitted run of each team, after excluding candidates with a frequency less than 2.

Each candidate passage/matn in Round 1 was independently labeled by three Qur'an specialists (for Qur'anic passages) or three Hadith specialists (for Hadith *matns*). Additional candidates in Rounds 2 and 3 were likewise independently labeled by three domain specialists.

Aggregation and agreement: We applied majority voting across the three domain specialists; ties were resolved by a fourth. Despite our careful design and piloting of the annotation rubrics, inter-annotator agreement was fair: Fleiss' kappa was 0.283 among Qur'an specialists and 0.235 for Hadith.

**Label normalization**: Consistent with the training and development sets, final test-set relevance judgments over both collections were binarized: only passages/matns containing a *direct answer* received a positive label (1); all others received 0.

# 3.4 Evaluation Setup

We chose Codabench<sup>10</sup> as a platform for hosting our subtask, similar to Task 1. We used trec\_eval tool<sup>11</sup> to compute the evaluation metrics. We made our training and development sets available during the development phase and allowed each team to run 100 submissions on the development set and receive scores from the system. Our evaluation script was also made available for local evaluation. During the testing phase, we allowed teams to submit 13 submissions; however, we stated that only the last 3 submitted runs would be considered for evaluation.

<sup>9</sup>https://gitlab.com/bigirqu/ quran-hadith-qa-2025

<sup>10</sup> codabench.org/competitions/9939/

<sup>11</sup>github.com/usnistgov/trec\_eval

Team	MAP@10	MAP_Q@5	MAP_H@5
Burhan	0.3351	0.3389	0.3876
BurhanAI	0.2807	0.3257	0.2386
ThinkDrill	0.2296	0.2623	0.215
NUR	0.1809	0.2334	0.1923
BayaNet*	0.1504	0.2064	0.224
MSA*	0.1185	0.1674	0.0685
Maged*	0.0332	0.0887	0.0457
CISRG*	0.0116	0.0294	0.0128

Table 3: Results of Task 2 showing the best run per team ranked by MAP@10. Teams with \* did not submit a system paper.

# 3.4.1 Evaluation Measures

For the classical ranked retrieval formulation of the task, MAP (Mean Average Precision) serves as the primary official evaluation metric. The no-answer cases are handled simply by giving full credit to "no answers" system output and zero otherwise. We report three measures: MAP@10 computed over the top 10 ranked answers, MAP\_Q@5 computed over the top 5 ranked Qur'anic passages (after discarding all ranked Hadiths), and MAP\_H@5 computed over the top 5 ranked Hadiths (after discarding all ranked Qur'anic passages).

# 3.4.2 Participating Teams and Results

While 30 teams registered in Task 2, eight teams submitted runs during the test phase. The evaluation of the best run per team is shown in Table 3. For the full evaluation results, see Table 4 in Appendix. Only four out of eight participating teams submitted papers describing their work, namely Burhan (Basheer et al., 2025), ThinkDrill (Elrefai et al., 2025), Nur (Amin et al., 2025), and BurhanAI (Al Adel et al., 2025). It is evident that the task of this year is quite challenging since the top MAP@10 score is 0.3351 achieved by Burhan.

# 3.5 Methods and Analysis

The main observation in all participants is the reliance on LLMs in their systems. We categorize the discussion of adopted methods by techniques.

Augmentation The top team (Burhan) utilized LLMs to extract facts and relationships from Qur'an and Hadith passages and then augmented the extracted text with the corresponding passages. ThinkDrill team extended hadith question-answer pairs from HAQA dataset, and employed GPT-4 to extract relevant keywords from questions, and then apply fuzzy string matching to determine the relevance score. NUR team augmented the provided dataset with the Arabic portion of the TyDi dataset,

the Jalalayn Tafseer of the Qur'an, and the QuQA and HaQA datasets. They also embedded negative samples to increase their models' sensitivity to zero-answer questions. BurhanAI team employed iterative semantic search, expanding the query with the initial results.

**Reranking** Burhan and ThinkDrill adopted an LLM as a reranker, leading to remarkable improvements as reported by Burhan team. NUR team used a fine-tuned cross-encoder or Gemini for reranking and identification of zero-answer questions.

Embedding Toward building sematic-based retrieval pipelines, multiple teams focused on the choice of the encoder embedding model. Burhan team experimented with multiple embedding models to identify the best model in *zero-shot* setup. However, ThinkDrill *fine-tuned* a multilingual embedding model using triplet loss on augmented data of Qur'an and Hadith. NUR team has compared a large set of publicly available Arabic sentence embedding models on the development set (Qur'anonly) to select the backbone encoder for their retrieval and reranking pipeline. On the other hand, BurhanAI team employed OpenAI's file\_search directly as the backbone for semantic search.

**Paraphrasing** Burhan team was the only team that worked on improving the query representation. In particular, they utilize LLMs to paraphrase the questions or append synonyms to them. The paraphrasing component revealed clear benefits.

Zero-answer Questions Handling the zero-answer questions differed across teams. Burhan team employed an LLM to judge whether a passage provides an answer to a given question on a binary basis. ThinkDrill adopted a thresholding mechanism to detect such questions, i.e., if the relevance score is above s certain threshold, the question then has an answer. Similarly, NUR team adopted the thresholding-based approach with fine-tuned cross-encoders, in addition to directly prompting Gemini LLM to identify such questions.

# 4 Conclusion

We introduced IslamicEval, the first shared task dedicated to addressing hallucination in Islamic contexts. The challenges posed by this task aim to significantly advance the reliability of LLMs in generating accurate Islamic content. Moreover, it supports broader efforts to uphold the integrity of religious information in the digital age.

#### 5 Limitations

Labeling religious data is an exhaustive sensitive task. As a result, the number of records in our datasets is not big. We plan in the future to extend our datasets by labeling more samples.

Our study only considers Qur'an and Hadith in the Arabic language; however, there are hundreds of millions of people worldwide who communicate Hadith in other languages like Turkish, Farsi, Malay, and Urdu (Fawzi et al., 2026). Since these languages have their own customized LLMs, it is very likely that they will produce different variants of religious hallucinations. In addition, each LLM output in Subtask 1 was annotated by a single annotator, which may introduce annotation errors. We evaluated answers from six LLMs (Arabic-centric and multilingual), each with distinct styles of responding to Islamic questions, which may not generalize to other models. The test set is relatively small (312 question-answer pairs), and model performance could vary on larger or thematically different test sets. Furthermore, annotation was limited to assessing the correctness of Qur'anic verses and Hadiths, without considering whether the overall answer was accurate or relevant to the input question. A more comprehensive evaluation of LLMs in this domain should therefore extend beyond text correction to include additional dimensions of answer quality.

Since this is the first edition of the Qur'an–Hadith QA task to incorporate Hadith as an additional Islamic resource for answering questions, we limited the Hadith collection to Sahih al-Bukhari. We plan to include other Hadith collections in future versions of the task.

Unlike the AyaTEC and QRCD datasets used in prior versions of Subtask 2, the annotation phase for the current test set may not have exhaustively identified all answer-bearing candidates. Consequently, evaluation is subject to the usual risk that some relevant results may not be rewarded.

## **6 Ethical Considerations**

Subtask 1 involves questions and answers generated by LLMs, which were manually annotated to correct errors in cited Qur'anic verses and Hadiths. Given the religious sensitivity of the content, we took care to ensure accuracy and respect: annotations were carried out by three qualified linguists from Egypt with expertise in Arabic language and Islamic studies, and all annotators were compen-

sated fairly for their work. The dataset is released strictly for research purposes, with the intention of improving the reliability and safety of LLMs in handling religious material. We explicitly caution against any misuse of this resource in contexts that could distort, misrepresent, or disrespect Islamic teachings.

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#### A Related Work

#### A.1 Hallucination Detection

Hallucination detection methods can be grouped into uncertainty-based predictors (Manakul et al., 2023), entailment or consistency checks against retrieved evidence (Ji et al., 2023), and span-level labeling frameworks (Mishra et al., 2024). Recent work emphasizes span-level detectors for interpretability, with SemEval-2025 introducing a shared task that explicitly included Arabic (Vázquez et al., 2025).

For Arabic hallucination detection, resources remain limited. The OSACT-6 Hallucination Shared Task "Halwasa" (Mubarak et al., 2024) released the first Arabic data set (10K sentences generated by GPT and manually annotated for factuality), with baselines that highlight challenges due to morphological richness. HalluVerse25 (Abdaljalil et al., 2025) is a multilingual benchmark that categorizes fine-grained hallucinations in English, Arabic, and Turkish. The authors used GPT-4 to inject hallucinations into factual biographical sentences extracted from Wikipedia.

In religious domains, hallucination risks are amplified by doctrinal sensitivity. Qur'an QA (Malhas et al., 2022, 2023) established benchmarks for comprehension and passage retrieval, while (Aleid and Azmi, 2025) supports research on fatwa related to Hajj (Muslim pilgrimage). Most approaches mitigate hallucinations through retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) (Lewis et al., 2020), conservative prompting, and reranking rather than explicit detectors. Recent frameworks such as EMAN (El Ganadi et al., 2025) stress governance and cultural alignment when deploying LLMs on Islamic texts.

Overall, prior work shows progress but also gaps: (i) reliance on mitigation rather than calibrated detectors in high-stakes religious contexts, and (ii) lack of standardized evaluation for detecting misquotations or unsupported doctrinal claims. Our work builds on these efforts by extending hallucination detection to Arabic religious texts with domain-grounded and span-level evaluation.

## A.2 Qur'an QA 2022 and 2023

With Qur'an and Hadith QA being a continuation of Qur'an QA 2022<sup>12</sup> (Malhas et al., 2022) and Qur'an QA 2023<sup>13</sup> (Malhas et al., 2023) shared

tasks, we provide an overview of those two editions.

The Our'an OA shared task in its first round (2022) comprised a single machine reading comprehension (MRC) task over the Holy Qur'an: given a passage of consecutive verses from one Surah and an MSA question about that passage, systems had to extract any correct answer span. The main measure used in evaluation was partial Reciprocal Rank (pRR) (Malhas and Elsayed, 2020). The task attracted 30 teams, 13 of which submitted 30 runs in the test phase. Ten system description papers were published in OSACT 2022 (Al-Khalifa et al., 2022), and the best-performing systems achieved pRR=0.586, underscoring the difficulty of the MRC task. Leading systems (ElKomy and Sarhan, 2022; Ahmed et al., 2022) mainly used fine-tuned encoder-only BERT-based models, notably AraELECTRA (Antoun et al., 2021) and AraBERT (Antoun et al., 2020).

Qur'an QA 2023 introduced a more challenging MRC task and a new Qur'anic Passage Retrieval (QPR) task, which parallels the Qur'an QA component of Subtask 2 in the present shared task. The primary goal of QPR is to retrieve all Qur'anic passages that contain potential answers to a question posed in MSA. A total of 38 and 29 teams registered for QPR and MRC, respectively, and 10 teams submitted 39 runs in the test phase across the two tasks. The evaluation results revealed the inherent difficulty of the tasks: the top team achieved pRR = 0.571 on MRC and MAP@10 = 0.251on QPR. For MRC, fine-tuned AraELECTRA and AraBERT models remained leading performers for the top team that employed them. Notably, the second-place team was the only one to adopt a GPT-4 model in a zero-shot prompt setting (Zekiye and Amroush, 2023). For QPC, the top-performing approach ensembled dual- and cross-encoder BERTbased models with staged fine-tuning on Arabic QA and domain-specific datasets (Elkomy and Sarhan, 2023). Attempts to use LLMs as embedding models or re-rankers were modest and did not feature among the top systems.

<sup>12</sup>https://sites.google.com/view/quran-qa-2022

<sup>13</sup>https://gitlab.com/bigirqu/quran-qa-2023

# B Prompt for Generating Responses with Qur'anic and Hadith Evidence



**Translation:** 

Provide an answer to the following question, citing evidence from the Qur'an and Prophetic Hadiths.

Question:

#### C Annotation and Correction Guidelines

- **1. Incomplete texts:** Any incomplete Qur'anic verse (Ayah) or incomplete Hadith is considered an error.
- **2. Diacritization:** Incorrect diacritization is marked as an error, whereas partially correct diacritization or the absence of diacritics is not treated as an error.
- **3. Error granularity:** A single error in an Ayah or Hadith suffices to label the span as erroneous.
- **4. Reference verification:** In this version, verification of metadata such as chapter or Hadith reference numbers is not required.
- **5. Span boundaries:** Annotated spans exclude outer punctuation marks, if present.
- **6. Multiple Ayahs:** If more than one Ayah appears in the same span, the entire span is selected even if an internal verse number appears in the middle.
- **7. Sources:** Corrected Qur'anic text must be copied from https://quran.ksu.edu.sa/, and corrected Hadith from https://dorar.net/hadith.
- **8.** Correction task: Annotators predict the intended Ayah or Hadith and copy the exact corrected and complete text from the designated sources. If no valid correction can be determined, they write "Wrong" in the correction field.
- **9.** Consistency in length: Corrections must preserve the number of intended Ayahs. For instance, if the erroneous text contains two Ayahs, the corrected version should also contain two.
- **10. Output assessment:** In this version, we focus solely on the verification and correction of Qur'anic verses (Ayahs) and Hadiths, without assessing the completeness of the answers or their relevance to the given question. We leave this for future releases.
- **11. Correction formatting:** For quality control, annotators were instructed to prepend a serial number to each correction in the text area, reflecting

its order in the list of erroneous Ayahs or Hadiths. Each correction was required to be written on a separate line.

# D Sample Data Files Provided to Participants

Figure 4: Example entry from the development set showing a question, model ID, and model-generated response.

```
"surah_id": 1,
"surah_name": "ننانا",
"ayah_id": 1,
"ayah_text": "منين الزخين الزجيم"
},
{

"surah_id": 1,
"ayah_id": 2,
"ayah_text": "منين النائن المنتذ المنتدة "
```

Figure 5: Sample JSON entries from the Qur'an reference collection, showing Surah name, Ayah ID, and Ayah text.

```
"hadithID": 33,
"BookID": 1,
"title": "باب الإيمان - ياب" المنادي الإيمان حب الأنمار المائلة الإيمان حب الأنمار المائلة الإيمان حب الأنمار المائلة الإيمان حب الأنمار المائلة المنا أبو الوليد قال: حدثنا أبو الوليد قال: حدثنا شعبة الله بن جبر قال المعدد أنسا ، عن الله بن عبد الله بن جبر قال المعدد أنسا ، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم : قال: آية الإيمان حب الأنمار ، وآية النفان الأنمار "بغض الأنمار "أية الإيمان حب الأيمان خبُ الأنمار "المناد" """
"Matn": "بغض الأنمار ، وآية الإيمان خبُ الأنمار "ألائمار" ، وآية اللثقاق بُغض الأنمار "
```

Figure 6: Sample JSON entry from the Hadith reference collection, including metadata (Book ID, title) and Hadith text.

# E Annotation Rubrics for Qur'an Hadith QA Subtask

Team Name	Run	MAP@10	MAP_Q@5	MAP_H@5
Burhan	351588_Burhan_PQQFHF	0.3351	0.3389	0.3876
Burhan	351587_Burhan_QFHF	0.3021	0.3091	0.3461
Burhan	351586_Burhan_QFH	0.2916	0.3130	0.2936
BurhanAI	351568_burhanai_task_2_RAG_gpt5high	0.2807	0.3257	0.2386
ThinkDrill	351792_run_sample	0.2296	0.2623	0.2150
NUR	351549_nur_run01	0.1809	0.2334	0.1923
NUR	351550_nur_run02	0.1804	0.2257	0.1961
BayaNet	351272_BayaNet_run02mod	0.1504	0.2064	0.2240
NUR	351551_nur_run03	0.1257	0.1438	0.1569
MSA	350916_MSA_02	0.1185	0.1674	0.0685
MSA	351316_MSA_04	0.1185	0.1674	0.0685
MSA	351275_MSA_03	0.1185	0.1674	0.0685
ThinkDrill	351585_run_sample	0.0509	0.0977	0.0841
Maged	351633_run_sample	0.0332	0.0887	0.0457
ThinkDrill	351580_run_sample	0.0226	0.0482	0.1569
BayaNet	351263_BayaNet_b6453eb4	0.0157	0.0205	0.0067
CISRG	350176_CISRG_r25	0.0116	0.0294	0.0128
Maged	351629_run_sample	0.0000	0.1569	0.1961
Maged	351462_run_sample	0.0000	0.0588	0.0196

Table 4: The evaluation results of the last three runs submitted to Subtask 2 ranked by MAP@10. Teams with \* did not submit a system paper. The run name is formatted as CodaBenchSubmissionID\_RunName.

تعريف الجواب المباشر والغير مباشر	رمز ووصف معيار تقييم الأجوبة
الجواب المباشر هو ما يجيب على السؤال بشكل صريح، وسياق السؤال منسجم مع سياق نص المقطع القرآني الذي يتضبّن الجواب. مثال: من هو أخو سيدنا موسى؟ بعض الأجوية المباشرة: وهينا له من رحمتنا أخاه هارون نبيا (مريم:53) وأخي هارون هو أفصح مني لسانا فأرسله معي ردءا يصدقني إني أخاف أن يكتبون (القصيص:34) حدّ أرسلنا موسى وأخاه هارون بأياننا وسلطان مين (المؤمنون:45)	(2) نص المقطع القرآني يحتوي على جواب مباشر
الجواب الغير مباشر له تعريفان:  1. هو ما يجيب على السؤال بشكل صريح ولكن سياق السؤال لا ينسجم مع سياق نص المقطع القرآني الذي يتضمن الجواب.  1. يعض المغال: من هو أخو سيدنا موسى؟  2. فو ما يجيب على السؤال بشكل غير صريح وسياق السؤال ينسجم مع سياق نص المقطع القرآني الذي يتضمن الجواب.  3. أو هو ما يجيب على السؤال بشكل غير صريح وسياق السؤال ينسجم مع سياق نص المقطع القرآني الذي يتضمن الجواب.  3. مثال: ما هي فضائل الذكر على المسلم؟  4. بعض الأجوبة غير المباشرة:  5. بعض الأجوبة غير المباشرة:  6. المقتبم فيه ومن يعرض عن ذكر ربه يسلكه عذابا صعدا (الجن:17)  6. ومن أعرض عن ذكري فإن له معيشة ضنكا ونحشره يوم القيامة أععى (طه:12)	(1) نص المقطع القرآني يحتوي على جواب غير مباشر
نص المقطع القرآني ذو صلة بالسؤال، وسياق السؤال منسجم مع سياق نص المقطع القرآني، ولكنه لا يعتوي على جواب للسؤال. مثال: من الذي خسف الله به الأرشى؟ وقال الذين أوتوا العلم ويلكم ثواب الله خبر لمن آمن وعمل صالحا ولا يلقاها إلا الصابرون، فخسفنا به وبداره الأرض فما كان له من فئة ينصرونه من دون الله وما كان من المنتصرين (القصيصن: 8-81ه)	(0) ذو صلة ولكن لا يجيب على السؤال
نص المقطع القرآني غير ذي صلة بالسؤال، وسياق السؤال غير منسجم مع سياق المقطع القرآني، ولا يحتوي على جواب للسؤال.	(-1) غيرذي صلة

Figure 7: Rubric for annotating potential answerbearing Qur'anic passages to a given question.

تعريف الجواب المباشر والغير مباشر	رمز ووصف معيار تقييم الأجوبة
الجواب المباشر هو ما يجيب على السؤال بشكل صريح ويكون سياق السؤال منسجم مع سياق نص الحديث المتضمن للجواب. مثال: ما عقوبة السارق في الدنيا؟ لَكَنَّ اللهُ السَّارَق، يَسْرَقُ الْجَنْلَ فَتُقْطَعُ يَدُهُ وَيَسْرَقُ الْجَبْلَ فَتُقْطَعُ يَدُهُ مثال: ما هي أَخْكَامُ الصَدَفَةِ عَلَى الوَالِدَيْنِ وَالْأَفْرِينَ وَالمُصَاوَّ؟ "إِذَا أَنْفَقَ الرَّجُلُ عَلَى أَهْلِهِ يَحْتَسَمُا فَهُو لَهُ صَدَقَةٌ" ملاحظة: هذا الحديث يتضمن جواب مباشر ولكنه يعتبر أحد الأجوبة التي تجيب عن جزء من السؤال، وذلك لكون السؤال متعدد الأجوبة ومركّب.	(2) نص الحديث يحتوي على جواب مباشر
الجواب الغير مباشر له تعريفان:  1. هو ما يجيب على السؤال بشكل صريح ولكن سياق السؤال لا ينسجم مع سياق نص الحديث المتضمن للجواب.  2. أو هو ما يجيب على السؤال بشكل غير صريح ولكن سياق السؤال ينسجم مع سياق نص الحديث المتضمن للجواب.  مثال: ما رخص الصيام؟  — خَرَجْنَا مَعْ النَّبِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمٌ فِي بَعْض أَسْقَارِه فِي يَوْمٍ حَارٍ، حَمَّ يَضَعَ الرَّجُلُ يَدَوْ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ مِنْ شِدَّةِ الْحَرِّ، وَهَا فِينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّبِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فَينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّبِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فِينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّبِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فِينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّبِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فِينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّبِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فِينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّبِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فِينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّمِي صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فِينَا صَائِمٌ إِلَّا مَا كُانَ مِنَ النَّمِ صَائِمٍ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَمَا فَينَا صَائِمٌ وَائِمُ وَائِمٌ رَوْاءَةٌ"	(1) نص الحديث يحتوي على جواب غير مباشر
مع أن نص الحديث ذو صلة بالسؤال وسياقه منسجم معه. إلا أنه لا يتضمّن جوابًا له. مثال: ما عقوبة السارق في الدنيا؟ مثال: ما عقوبة السارق في الدنيا؟ "لا يَزْنِي الرَّآنِي جِنَّ يَزْنِي وَهُوْ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلَا يَشْرَبُ الْخَمْرَ جِينَ يَشْرَبُهَا وَهُوْ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلَا يَشْرَبُ الْخَمْرَ جِينَ يَشْرَبُهَا وَهُوْ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلَا يَشْرَبُ الْخَمْرَ جِينَ يَشْرَبُهَا وَهُوْ مُؤْمِنٌ، وَلَا يَشْرَبُ الْخَمْرَ بِينَ الْخَارِثِ بَنِ هِشَامٍ: أَنَّ أَبَا بِكُمْ كَانَ يُحْتَلُهُ، عَنْ أَيِي مُرْنِي يَكُمْ بِنَ عَيْدِ الرَّحْمَٰنَ بِينَ الْحَارِثِ بَنِ هِشَامٍ: أَنَّ أَبَا بِكُمْ كَانَ يُحْتَلُهُ، عَنْ أَي الْمُونَّ عَلَيْ اللّهِ بَكُمْ يَقُولُ: كَانَ أَبْعَالِهُ مُنْ اللّهِ اللّهُ الْمَارَاهُمْ فِيهَا جِينَ يَنْقِيهُمْا وَهُوْ مُؤْمِنٌ "	(0) الحديث ذو صلة ولكن لا يجيب على السؤال
سياق نص الحديث غير منسجم مع سياق السؤال (ليس له علاقة به) ولا يوجد في الحديث جواب على السؤال.	(-1) الحديث غير ذي صلة

Figure 8: Rubric for annotating potential answerbearing Hadith *matns* to a given question.