

EXPLORING THE COMMUNICATIVE PURPOSE OF TEXT (Part 1)

Course Objectives:

1. Students are able to explore and comprehend the communicative purpose of a text.
2. Students are able to practice and identify the communicative purpose of a text by answering the following comprehensive questions given in the text.

PERFECT PEOPLE AS A PURPOSE OF HOLISTIC EDUCATION IN ISLAM (PART 1)



The term **holistic** education has become a movement which began in the mid-1980 in North America as it is an idea of developing a person's intellectual, emotional, social, physical, artistic, creative and spiritual **potentials** (Ron Miller). However, if we can **trace back** that this term of holistic education was **originated** from Islam. As **quoted** from Al-Qur'an Al-Ahzab verse 21: "**Verily** there is in (the self) the Messenger of Allah as a good example for you (that is) for those who wish (mercy) Allah and the (coming) of

judgment day and he mentions God a lot. The Prophet Muhammad was sent by Allah to perfect and improve the morals of mankind as well as a good example.

Furthermore, as it also is recited from the Holy Qur'an in At Tin verse 4 says that human beings are created by Allah as the best creature. This is a fact that humans are better than all God's creations: animals, plants, and others. Humans have got perfect physic as well as mental. Nonetheless, we must be reminded that all God's gifts to humans can also be disastrous if we **misuse** God's gift. As a result, humans can become lower than animals.

However, for those who have good faith in Allah and His Messenger, Nabi Muhammad Saw, will try their **effort** in order to **maintain** good and **noble deeds**. Islam has taught us to value or see things based on Al Qur'an and Hadits, or noble deed as exemplified by the Prophet Muhammad Saw. These values are put first to teach humans, especially students, to become true followers of Islam who share peace to the universe or *rahmatan lil alamin*. Therefore, to implement these, knowledge of religion as well as general knowledge must share the same purpose in order to create **the-so-called** in Islam, *insan kamil*, or human beings who achieve_wholeness or balance within physical and spiritual beings.

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Glossaries:

Holistic (adjective): menyeluruh

Potential (noun): kemampuan untuk dikembangkan

Trace back (verb) : melacak kembali

Originate (verb) : berasal dari

Quote (verb): mengutip

Verily (adverb): sesungguhnya

Misuse (verb): menyalahgunakan

Effort (noun): usaha

Maintain (verb): mempertahankan

Noble deeds (noun): perbuatan-perbuatan yang mulia/ terpuji

The-so-called : yang dinamakan/ yang disebut

Task 1**Comprehension questions**

1. When was the term holistic education introduced in the world?
2. Who introduced the idea of holistic education from the western point of view?
3. What is actually meant by holistic education?
4. What is the idea of bringing holistic education?
5. If we can trace back the concept of holistic education, who or what did actually create it?
6. What is the fundamental idea of holistic education in Islam?
7. In what surah, according to the passage, that explains the idea of perfect mankind?
8. What can be concluded from surah At-Tin verse four?
9. What is the reason of the Prophet Muhammad Saw sent by Allah to mankind?
10. What can be concluded as a main idea of the third paragraph?

Task 2

Write T (True) if the statement reflects the information in the text, F (False) if it contradicts, and NG (Not given) if it is not found.

No.	Statements	T/F/NG
1.	Holistic education is a term that was only popular in the mid of 1980.	
2.	Prophet Mohammad was the Messenger.	
3.	Holistic education focuses more on child education.	
4.	Animals like a monkey have the same position as human.	
5.	The human can be worse than animals if they do not use the gift from God.	

6.	Al Quran and Hadiths are two sources that are essential for humans.	
7.	We need to have religion and general knowledge to be “insan kamil.”	
8.	We have to imitate the behavior of all prophets.	

Task 3

Complete the blanks with the appropriate words which are provided in the box.

recite	purpose	judgment	achieved	disastrous
originated	universe	develop	remind	maintaining

1. Students in Islamic Education Department need to practice a lot to _____ their skills in teaching.
2. Although calligraphy _____ from Saudi Arabia, it has been applied to other languages all around the world.
3. We have to make a _____ about the value of their services.
4. In Ramadhan, many people _____ Al Quran as one of the excellent activities in the month.
5. As a Muslim, we are recommended to _____ for something good for the best of all.
6. The high temperature made a _____ effect on the electronic facilities.
7. During the religious speech, the speaker underlined the importance of _____ the relationship among people.
8. We must admit that God creates the _____ and its contents.
9. The _____ of building the Islamic school is to educate children from the Muslim family.
10. She _____ high scores on the test because she always studies hard.

Let's Write.

Paragraph with Freewriting Technique

This way of writing is to let you write everything you can think of, quickly without stopping. In this process, you don't need to worry about grammar, spelling, punctuation, and diction. If you feel you make a mistake, just cross it. When you finish your first draft, go back and check which ideas you can use. You cross out the statements that you do not want to use. The paragraph below is an example of a fixed paragraph about explanation. It was created by following the freewriting technique.

As an institution under the ministry of religious affairs, Islamic public schools are expected to provide general and religion subjects. Students study general lessons such as the Indonesian language, natural science, and social science. Besides that, Islamic subjects are also offered, such as Arabic, Islamic history, the Quran and hadith, Sharia Education, and others. It is obvious that Islamic public schools provide general and religious subjects in balance.

Task 1

Find a topic for your paragraph about expressing an opinion and explore it with specific details.

You may do this in a piece of paper using the freewriting technique.

Task 2

Develop the topic that you have prepared with the supporting parts into a paragraph about explanation. Use this box to write your final paragraph.

