

### Respecting parents

**Q3) Using the verse of the Qur'an write a passage describing what it means to respect parents and why it is important. You must include:**

- **The importance of speaking to them graciously and with humility**
- **Obedience to parents** “...Be grateful to me and to both your parents; to me is the eventual coming. But if they strive to make you join in worship with me things of which you have no knowledge, do not obey them; however accompany them in a good way, and follow the way of those who turn to me (in love); in the end the return of you all is to me, then will I inform you of what you did.” [31:15]
- **The high status given to mothers**

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا  
أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

“Your lord has decreed that you worship none but him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life, do not even say ‘uff’ to them, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honour. And out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility, and say: My lord! Bestow on them your mercy the way they cherished me in childhood” [17:23–24]

**[20 marks]**