

## **Role played by the following individuals in the compilation of the holy Quran.**

**a) Prophet Muhammad PBUH.**

**c) Zaid bin Thabit**

**b) Abu baker**

**d) Uthman bin Affan**

### **a) Prophet Muhammad PBUH**

- Refer to the notes on the prophet's time during the compilation of the holy Qur'an.

### **b) Abu Baker**

- He was the first successor of Prophet Muhammad PBUH.
- It was during his reign that the idea was conceived.
- He carried out Ridah wars against false prophets in which memorisers of the Qur'an and caused alarm to companions like Umar bin Khattab.
- He resisted the idea in the beginning to avoid **Bidi-a** in Islam but later accepted it.
- He carried out consultations with the prominent companions of the prophet PBUH before effecting the compilation of the holy Qur'an.
- He elected a committee chaired by Zaid bin Thabit and charged it with the duty of compilation the holy Qur'an.
- He looked for suitable writing materials for compilation of the divine book.
- He was an active member of the committee by giving advice on conditions guaranteeing the purity and authenticity of verses.
- He ordered that only the scripts that were written and supervised by the prophet PBUH be used in the process of compilation.
- He was among the undisputed memorisers of the holy Qur'an and therefore, he was referred to when cross-checking and verifying the verses.
- He kept the original compiled copy by the committee until his death.
- He wanted to have abrogated verses included in the compiled text.

### **c) Zaid bin Thabit**

- He was one of the prominent companions of the prophet PBUH and his chief scribe.
- He used to write down Qur'anic verses as they came down to the prophet PBUH.
- He was one of the best reciters of the holy Qur'an and he used to recite it for the prophet PBUH.

- He was among the best memorisers of the holy Qur'an.
- He was the chairman of the compilation committee appointed by Abu Baker.
- He was among the companions consulted on whether the Qur'an be compiled or not.
- He carefully checked the authenticity of each verse before compiling it.
- He actively involved in the decision whether to include abrogated verses or not.
- He continued his role to Uthman's caliphate where he led acted as the chairman of the committee that standardized the holy Qur'an.
- All the issues related to Qur'anic compilation were referred to him.

**d) Uthman bin Affan**

- Third caliph (success) of the prophet PBUH.
- Was among the scribes of the prophet PBUH.
- Was among the committee nominated by Abu Baker.
- He standardized the holy Qur'an.
- Distributed the holy Qur'an to different learning centres.
- Ordered the burning of the false copies of the holy Qur'an.
- Established Qur'anic compilation centres in Persia, Madina, Yemen and others.
- Was a great memorizer of the holy Qur'an.
- Taught people how to read and write which simplified the work of compilation.