

INNOVATIVE PROSPECTIVE APPROACHES TO FUTURE ISLAMIC EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

Islamic education encompasses the instruction and acquisition of knowledge pertaining to Islam, including its values, beliefs, and rites. However, the future of Islamic education encounters several substantial obstacles, including a dearth of innovation, limited curricula, and an inability to adjust to global transformations. This study aims to review innovative prospective approaches to future Islamic education. This study used content analysis as a methodological approach to examine and assess the prevailing patterns and obstacles encountered in Islamic education. This study has identified several prospective approaches to Islamic education that can be innovative and relevant. Some of these approaches include: (a) placing emphasis on critical thinking; (b) incorporating technology; (c) adopting personalised learning; (d) promoting cooperation and inclusivity; and (e) acquiring skills for the future. In conclusion, the innovative prospective approaches to Islamic education require a great deal of rethinking, collaboration, and investment in research that can produce practical and effective methods of learning and teaching.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Islamic education encompasses the instruction and acquisition of knowledge pertaining to Islam, including its values, beliefs, and rites. The curriculum involves imparting pupils with a comprehensive understanding of the Quran, Hadith, Seerah, and several other Islamic disciplines, including Islamic law, theology, and ethics. The primary objective of Islamic education is to cultivate students' spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social capacities in accordance with Islamic principles and convictions. Furthermore, this approach underscores the need to develop practical skills that empower learners to make meaningful contributions to their own communities. The history of Islamic education is extensive and has seen significant changes throughout time. It is necessary to modify it in order to cater to the requirements of contemporary learners and address the issues they face. Islamic education assumes a pivotal position in the formation of individuals, the establishment of communities, and the facilitation of the advancement of a fair and impartial society.

However, the future of Islamic education encounters several substantial obstacles, including a dearth of innovation, limited curricula, and an inability to adjust to global transformations. Instructional approaches frequently fail to integrate contemporary pedagogical trends, technological breakthroughs, and the cultivation of critical thinking and

problem-solving abilities. Furthermore, Islamic education occasionally has a deficiency in inclusiveness, which hinders the ability of a variety of people to get an education. In order to bridge the existing disparity in Islamic education, it is imperative to use inventive strategies that incorporate technology, individualised instruction, and contemporary pedagogical techniques that foster inclusiveness, analytical reasoning, and equip students with skills relevant to the 21st century.

This study aims to review innovative prospective approaches to future Islamic education. There are various advantages associated with a review of novel potential methods for future Islamic education. First and foremost, it may foster inclusion and equality in education, facilitating the opportunities for a wide range of learners to participate in the education system. Additionally, the integration of contemporary pedagogical methodologies, technological advancements, and the cultivation of students' readiness for the dynamic global labour market can enhance the overall standard of education. Furthermore, it has the potential to facilitate student-centred learning by placing emphasis on the unique needs, talents, and capabilities of every student. Additionally, it can foster the development of critical thinking, creativity, and the cultivation of crucial problem-solving and decision-making skills in kids. The examination of novel potential methodologies for forthcoming Islamic education can significantly contribute to the advancement and maturation of Islamic education, facilitating its ability to cater to the requirements of learners and sustain its pertinence in an ever-evolving global landscape.

1.1 General Concept of Islamic Education

Islamic education is based on the Quran and Hadith, with the goal of equipping individuals with a comprehensive comprehension of Islamic beliefs (Dawi & Harahap, 2022). Academics in Malaysia and other regions engage in the examination of the idea, philosophy, and goals of Islamic education, with a particular focus on the amalgamation of Islamic principles with indigenous knowledge and ethical standards (Sidek et al., 2023; Wahyudiati, 2022). In Islamic education, the curriculum places significant emphasis on traditional ideas such as aqidah, syariah, and akhlak (Hanafi, 2020). Islamic education plays a multifaceted role, encompassing dynamic preservation, active participation in the sustainability of civilization, and the preparation of future generations (Malik & Maslahah, 2021). The administration of Islamic education is informed by the Quran and Hadith, serving as a robust basis for the creation of curricula that are in accordance with Islamic principles (Riinawati, 2022; Wajdi, 2022).

Islamic education has a crucial role in improving human ethics and sense of self, especially in higher education environments (Febriansyah et al., 2019; Husein et al., 2022). To effectively tackle the difficulties in Islamic education during the period of globalisation, it is necessary to adopt a comprehensive strategy that safeguards Islamic culture and civilization (El-Mubarak & Hassan, 2021; Aini et al., 2022). According to Yunus et al. (2021), the incorporation of Islamic ideas into public health education and the incorporation of Islamic teachings to meet contemporary difficulties while promoting innovation align with Islamic ideals. The examination of authority, autonomy, and selfhood within the context of Islamic education is a significant factor in the development of a dialogical Muslim self (Ahmed, 2021).

The development of Islamic education in Malaysia and Indonesia demonstrates a government focus on curriculum and philosophy that are heavily influenced by Islamic principles (Mas'ud et al., 2019). Lovat (2022) highlights the convergence of gifted education and Islamic educational philosophy, showcasing tangible involvement in values education grounded in Islamic beliefs. The reevaluation of Islamic philosophy to promote the sustainable development of vocational education highlights the extensive knowledge

elements included in Islamic teachings (Sokolovskaya et al., 2021). Kuttab, an educational concept in Indonesia, idealises ancient Islamic institutions and civilization, placing emphasis on a historical viewpoint in Islamic education (Sofanudin et al., 2021). Asmuni (2021) provides a comprehensive analysis of the use of Al-Farabi's philosophy in non-Islamic higher education institutions in Indonesia, offering valuable insights into the intellectual underpinnings of Islamic education.

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent studies have investigated many potential methods for future Islamic education. Previous studies have looked into many areas of Islamic education, such as new ways to make the curriculum (Sewang, 2023), using neuroscience to help teach the needs of the millennial generation (Suyadi & Widodo, 2019), combining Islamic design principles with cognitive theory to improve Islamic education for preschoolers (Idris et al., 2019), and planning for Islamic education during the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Studies have also highlighted the difficulties and preparedness of Islamic education instructors in implementing innovative teaching and learning methods (Suhid et al., 2021), the adaptation of Islamic education in various educational environments (Sholikhin, 2023), and the use of digital learning tools to improve literacy and innovation in Islamic education (Hamdi et al., 2022). These studies underscore the significance of modifying Islamic education to align with contemporary innovations and societal demands in order to guarantee its continued relevance and efficacy in the forthcoming years.

Moreover, there has been an increasing interest in novel methods of Islamic education in order to address the future's issues. Multiple research studies have emphasised the significance of innovation in Islamic education as a means to adjust to contemporary breakthroughs and societal transformations. Imamuddin et al. (2022) underscore the imperative of using inventive approaches in Islamic education to guarantee its long-term viability, such as the incorporation of technology and literacy. Sewang (2023) and Idris et al. (2019) conducted research that specifically examined the advancements in curriculum creation and the incorporation of Islamic design principles and cognitive theory in preschool Islamic education, respectively.

In addition, the research conducted by Suyadi and Widodo (2019) examines the incorporation of neuroscience into Islamic education, highlighting a transition towards modern teaching methods. The significance of employing effective learning methodologies and incorporating new technology to facilitate creative teaching and learning in Islamic education is emphasised by Suhid et al. (2021). The importance of character education and digital learning media in improving Islamic education and promoting global competitiveness has been emphasised in studies conducted by Syaifullah and Surawardi (2020) and Hamdi et al. (2022).

Moreover, scholarly investigations conducted by Sholikhin (2023) and Huda et al. (2022) delve into the significance of Islamic education in fostering ethical principles and enhancing competitiveness within the context of Society 5.0. These studies propose the integration of Islamic education into the holistic development of humans, fostering not just knowledge acquisition but also innovation and competitiveness. Kejora (2021) conducted a study that highlights the importance of public relations and efficient administration in enhancing the reputation and attracting students to Islamic educational institutions.

In summary, recent scholarly investigations regarding novel potential methodologies for forthcoming Islamic education emphasise the necessity for advancements in curriculum development, the incorporation of technology and character education, efficacious pedagogical techniques, and the advocacy of ethical principles to ensure the pertinence and durability of Islamic education amidst changing societal demands and technological progress.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

This study used content analysis as a methodological approach to examine and assess the prevailing patterns and obstacles encountered in Islamic education. In order to uncover pertinent academic publications, books, and reports, the research will employ search terms such as "new methods," "future," "Islamic education," "technology integration," "inclusivity," and "21st-century skills." The databases used for reference in this study encompass Google Scholar, JSTOR, Ebscohost, and ProQuest. The content analysis will scrutinise the material to ascertain prevalent themes, deficiencies, and inconsistencies and generate novel perspectives on inventive potential strategies for enhancing Islamic education. The research aims to offer pragmatic suggestions, derived from the analysis, for modifying Islamic education to align with contemporary trends and difficulties. The goal is to equip students with the necessary skills to thrive in a swiftly evolving world, all while upholding the core principles of Islam.

4.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This study has identified several prospective approaches to Islamic education that can be innovative and relevant. Some of these approaches include: (a) placing emphasis on critical thinking; (b) incorporating technology; (c) adopting personalised learning; (d) promoting cooperation and inclusivity; and (e) acquiring skills for the future.

4.1 Placing Emphasis on Critical Thinking

The significance of critical thinking is progressively growing in contemporary society. Islamic education fosters the development of critical thinking abilities by prompting students to challenge assumptions, scrutinise material, and contemplate a wide range of viewpoints. The enhancement of critical thinking abilities among students can greatly contribute to the development of innovative prospective methods in future Islamic education. Hadi (2022) stated that real-life examples show that teaching both traditional and modern Islamic views in schools might help Muslim students learn how to think critically, make moral decisions, and participate in democratic debate. Moreover, research has shown that incorporating STEM curriculum from an Islamic standpoint may significantly improve students' critical thinking abilities (Al-Hidabi & Abu-Owda, 2019). Nevertheless, it has been observed that certain cases exhibit a deficiency in prioritising the cultivation of critical thinking skills within non-formal Islamic education, hence constraining the potential for meaningful engagement, inquiry, and deliberation within educational environments (Altinyelken, 2021).

The significance of Islamic philosophy in the field of education has been emphasised as a pivotal factor that might facilitate the development of critical thinking abilities among students, hence empowering them to engage in critical analysis across diverse courses (Nurhalisa et al., 2022). Khairiyah and Faizah (2019) demonstrated that incorporating Islamic principles into educational curricula significantly enhances students' critical thinking skills. Furthermore, the development of novel cognitive frameworks, such as the UlulAlbabThinking model, has the potential to facilitate the cultivation of critical thinking abilities among students in higher education institutions (Adnan, 2021). Within the context of the problems presented by the Industrial Revolution 4.0, there is an increasing imperative to undertake a critical examination of the function of science in the realm of Islamic education, with the aim of facilitating the progression of knowledge in this domain (Hapidin et al., 2022). The sustainability of Islamic education in the period of Industrial Revolution 4.0 necessitates the implementation of strategies such as the development of creative Islamic education, the enhancement of technical capacities, and the integration of educational ideas (Imamuddin et al., 2022).

The adaptation of future Islamic education to modern paradigms, the empowerment of students with essential skills, and the maintenance of the relevance and effectiveness of Islamic educational systems can be achieved through the emphasis on critical thinking skills, the integration of Islamic perspectives, and the utilisation of innovative teaching methodologies. By allocating the necessary resources to these approaches, forthcoming Islamic education has the potential to provide students with a strong foundation, endowing them with the requisite information, competencies, and dispositions to navigate an ever more intricate global landscape. Ultimately, this will help in the establishment of a society that is more wealthy, inclusive, and sustainable.

4.2 Incorporating Technology

Technology has revolutionised the methods by which we acquire knowledge and exchange information. Integrating technology into Islamic education can facilitate students' access to instructional materials, engagement in virtual conversations, and worldwide collaboration. The integration of technology into Islamic education is vital for its progression in the contemporary historical context. Experts have suggested several approaches to ensure the long-term viability and relevance of Islamic education. According to Imamuddin et al. (2022), the tactics encompassed in this study include the development of novel Islamic educational approaches, the reformation and revitalization of Islamic educational methodologies, the augmentation of technical capacities and literacy levels, and the integration of Islamic education with contemporary technology. Furthermore, a growing demand exists for the incorporation of Islamic design principles and the cognitive theory of multimedia learning in order to create multimedia learning tools for preschool Islamic education. Employing instructional design strategies tailored to meet the evolving needs of Islamic education is crucial (Idris et al., 2019).

Furthermore, the application of teaching management strategies in private Islamic schools located in the southernmost region of Thailand highlights the significance of incorporating information and communication technology into educational methodologies. This integration also emphasises the recognition of individual variations and the incorporation of contemporary evaluation techniques to improve the overall quality of Islamic education (Assalihee & Boonsuk, 2023). Efforts aimed at cultivating proficient graduates in the field of Islamic education encompass a range of innovative approaches, including the development of Islamic education programmes, designs, procedures, and models that demonstrate a steadfast dedication to delivering high-quality education (Sholikhin, 2023). According to Resufle and Rofiki (2022), the administration of Islamic education must adapt to the difficulties presented by Society 5.0 by integrating science and technology in order to align with social progress. Moreover, the incorporation of blended learning in Islamic education programmes at institutions such as IAIN Samarinda showcases the favourable prospects of inventive educational methods in the era of industrialization 4.0 (Setiawan, 2019).

The future direction of Islamic education hinges upon the adoption of technological breakthroughs, the implementation of novel pedagogical approaches, and the creation of curricula that are congruent with the demands of contemporary society. Islamic education can effectively meet the needs of the 21st century and maintain its commitment to delivering high-quality education based on Islamic values by using technology, instructional design principles, and contemporary evaluation methodologies. Accepting these developments may allow Islamic education to maintain its relevance and competitiveness in the global educational scene. Moreover, it can have a substantial impact on cultivating a fresh cohort of intellectually astute and socially conscientious individuals who can make constructive contributions to their communities.

4.3 Adopting Personalised Learning

Personalised learning is an instructional technique that customises teaching methods to cater to the unique requirements, preferences, and objectives of each learner. The adoption of this strategy in Islamic education can effectively accommodate the different learning skills, pace, and preferences exhibited by pupils. In the context of prospective Islamic education, the incorporation of personalised learning as a novel methodology exhibits considerable potential. The implementation of personalised learning, which involves tailoring educational experiences to meet the unique needs and preferences of each individual, is becoming increasingly acknowledged as a revolutionary approach in the field of education (Veld & Nagenborg, 2019). This methodology utilises advanced technologies such as big data, learning analytics, and adaptive learning systems in order to customise education to cater to the distinct requirements and preferences of learners. Personalised learning is in accordance with the changing educational landscape and the requirements of the 21st century, since it involves tailoring education and individualising learning experiences (Veld & Nagenborg, 2019).

The field of Islamic education is increasingly acknowledging the need for inventive approaches to ensure the long-term viability and pertinence of educational methodologies (Imamuddin et al., 2022). The evolution of Islamic education in the era of Industrial Revolution 4.0 necessitates the implementation of various strategies, including the design of innovative Islamic education, the reform and renewal of Islamic education, the enhancement of technological capabilities, and the integration of Islamic education with modern concepts (Imamuddin et al., 2022). Furthermore, the concept of 'cradle-to-grave learning' in Islamic education aligns with the principles of Education 4.0, which prioritises continuous learning and the development of constructive roles in modern work settings and society (As'ad, 2021).

Incorporating personalised learning concepts into Islamic education can provide a means to modernise and make educational methods more relevant (Suyadi & Widodo, 2019). Researchers have observed the prevalence of conventional mono-disciplinary techniques in Islamic education. However, there is a growing need for the modernisation of Islamic education to include interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches. Learners and society as a whole drive this shift (Suyadi & Widodo, 2019). According to Ananda and Hayati (2022), the integration of personalised learning approaches in Islamic education enables educators to effectively address the different needs of learners, foster active participation, and improve overall learning results.

The integration of personalised learning as a novel and promising strategy in forthcoming Islamic education has the potential to transform pedagogical methods, ensuring that education remains flexible, captivating, and efficacious in addressing learners' needs in a rapidly changing global landscape. Personalised learning has the potential to assist educators in effectively addressing the varied learning requirements of an expanding and heterogeneous student body through the provision of customised teaching and assistance. Incorporating personalised learning into Islamic education has the potential to significantly enhance student results and contribute to the objective of cultivating individuals who are well-rounded and actively engaged in society.

4.4 Promoting Cooperation and Inclusivity

Communication is crucial in a society that is becoming increasingly interconnected. It enables students to acquire knowledge from their peers, exchange concepts, and participate in collaborative problem-solving. Inclusivity is crucial in establishing a nurturing and accepting educational setting that values and embraces diversity. Recent research has identified several key strategies and models for promoting cooperation and inclusivity as

innovative prospective approaches to future Islamic education. The integration of Islamic education with modern concepts such as technology, literacy, and interdisciplinary connections is crucial for sustaining its relevance (Imamuddin et al., 2022). Experts encourage implementing an integrated Islamic education model to enhance the effectiveness of Islamic educational institutions (Muhlisin & Syaifuddin, 2020). Researchers have highlighted the importance of theological foundations in Islamic education to strengthen faith, increase optimism, and foster creativity within Islamic educational settings (Aflisia et al., 2021).

Furthermore, the development of an inclusive-pluralistic Islamic religious education model has been proposed as an alternative to instilling values of religious moderation and inclusivity (Mizani, 2022). This model aims to provide a comprehensive and tolerant approach to Islamic education, fostering a more open and accepting educational environment. Scholars have suggested multicultural inclusive education as a means to deradicalise Islamic education in Indonesia, emphasising consistency, openness, and appreciation of diverse perspectives (Fatoni et al., 2021). Moreover, research has shown that Islamic education plays a significant role in promoting positive outlooks and personalities among students, indicating the value of Islamic education in shaping moral values and character development (Mesfer Alwadai & Mohammed Alhaj, 2023). Emphasising collaboration among various stakeholders, including teachers, parents, and mental health professionals, optimises religious instruction outcomes, especially for students with special needs such as autism (Hakiman et al., 2021).

By embracing innovative strategies, integrating modern concepts, fostering inclusivity, and promoting collaboration, Islamic education can adapt to the evolving educational landscape and effectively prepare students for the future while upholding Islamic values and principles. To attain this objective, it is imperative to perceive Islamic education as a progressive and fluid domain that embraces adaptability and ingenuity. It is imperative for educators and politicians to maintain a steadfast commitment to providing optimal education to learners, all the while upholding the tenets and ideals of Islam. Through this approach, Islamic education has the potential to emerge as a prominent catalyst for cultivating future leaders who possess the requisite competencies, expertise, and ethical principles necessary for thriving in an ever-evolving and globally linked society.

4.5 Acquiring Skills for the Future

Given the dynamic nature of employment resulting from technological progress and demographic transformations, it is imperative to provide students with the necessary competencies to effectively navigate the forthcoming challenges. The talents encompassed in this set are creativity, invention, problem-solving, adaptation, and communication. To develop innovative techniques for future Islamic education, it is important to have a thorough understanding of the dynamic educational environment. The importance of integrating Islamic design principles and cognitive theories into preschool multimedia learning. Several studies have underscored the importance of Islamic education (Idris et al., 2019). Teachers in Islamic education face difficulties when using new teaching approaches to successfully engage students. This poses problems for teachers in the field of Islamic education (Suhid et al., 2021). Islamic education, as observed in several educational contexts, seeks to foster beneficial transformations and provide significant contributions to society (Sholikhin, 2023; Sewang, 2023; Mursalim & Hatta, 2020). It is essential to incorporate digital advancements and creativity into the design of Islamic religious education instruction in order to meet the future's requirements (Ramli, 2022; Haidir et al., 2021).

Simultaneously, the development of future abilities encompasses more than just Islamic education. The importance of soft skills for students in teacher education and the need to develop personal competences for future information workers have been emphasised in

research (AlHouli & Al-Khayatt, 2020; Yatim et al., 2019). Stefan et al. (2023) recommend that students acquire information and skills relevant to their sector to enhance their future employment prospects. STEM education is of utmost importance in equipping individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate the future, hence demonstrating a nation's preparedness for forthcoming obstacles (Gyasi et al., 2021). Furthermore, the cultivation of critical thinking abilities and proficiencies is imperative for prospective members of society, underscoring the imperative for educators to proficiently transmit these proficiencies (Welter et al., 2023).

In addition, the development of employability abilities and transferable soft skills has significant importance in ensuring students' prospective professional achievements (Giancaspro & Manuti, 2021; Mainga et al., 2022). Granado-Alcón et al. (2020) suggest that project-based learning empowers learners to effectively tackle current and future challenges through innovative approaches. According to Mayombe (2023), experiential learning and workplace-based training play a crucial role in improving the abilities of young people for their future professional endeavours. Moreover, the significance of higher education in facilitating sustainable change and fostering leadership cannot be overstated, as it requires the acquisition of novel proficiencies to effectively address the requirements of the forthcoming labour market (Loureiro et al., 2022).

The amalgamation of these studies highlights the complex and diverse aspects involved in the acquisition of skills for the future, which include Islamic education, soft skills, field-specific competences, and critical thinking abilities. It is imperative for educators and policymakers to embrace these novel methodologies in order to guarantee that pupils possess the necessary skills and knowledge to properly handle the forthcoming problems. With the growing interconnectedness and complexity of the globe, there is an urgent demand for a comprehensive education that equips learners with the necessary skills and knowledge for the future. By incorporating Islamic principles, interpersonal skills, specialised knowledge, and analytical reasoning capabilities into the educational system, we may establish a framework that enables learners to effectively tackle the demands of the modern day.

5.0 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the innovative prospective approaches to Islamic education require a great deal of rethinking, collaboration, and investment in research that can produce practical and effective methods of learning and teaching. Islamic education should constantly adapt to meet society's changing needs and equip learners with skills that prepare them for a rapidly changing world. This study examined the prevailing patterns and highlighted the obstacles encountered in Islamic education, while also suggesting novel approaches that might enhance the calibre of education and equip students with the necessary skills for the labour market. The study suggests that in order to prepare students for success in the complex and varied global context, future Islamic education should integrate technological progress, promote inclusion among various groups, and provide personalised learning. This will enable students to develop the essential 21st-century skills and critical thinking abilities required for success. This study presents a comprehensive framework for establishing an inclusive, sustainable, and egalitarian approach to Islamic education, while also identifying potential avenues for further research. The study's research leads to the conclusion that implementing innovative techniques has the potential to completely transform Islamic education. These methods can effectively tackle significant challenges and equip the upcoming generation to become catalysts for change, leaders, and problem solvers within their communities.

To improve future research, it is advisable to conduct empirical investigations to examine the efficacy and viability of novel methodologies in the realm of Islamic education, such as the integration of technology, personalised learning, and inclusion. Examining the distinct

requirements and obstacles encountered by various learners, including students with special needs, students hailing from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, refugees, and marginalised communities, holds significant academic significance. Researchers can use quantitative and qualitative research methods like surveys, interviews, and observations to collect data and evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed modalities in the realm of Islamic education. Examining the current global utilization and adaptation of these new methods can help determine their practical effectiveness and potential applications. In order to enhance the effectiveness of Islamic education within the educational system, it is imperative to establish robust institutional support and engage in educational policy formulation. This will enable the integration of contemporary methodologies with fundamental Islamic principles and values, resulting in optimal advantages for both learners and their communities.

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