The Pragmatic Functions of the Conditionals in the Holy Qur'an

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Abstract


This study aimed at investigating and analyzing the pragmatic functions of the conditionals in the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Qur'an contains a number of conditionals which serve various contextual meanings.

To achieve the aim of the study, the researcher collected and analyzed seventy five conditionals from the Holy Qur'an. These conditionals were randomly selected. The researcher took the situational and linguistic context into account while interpreting, analyzing and concluding the pragmatic functions intended.

Moreover, the findings of this study show that the Qur'anic conditionals convey various contextual meanings. The study listed fifteen pragmatic functions according to the context, such as challenging, threatening, reminding, wishing, and making a
promise. The choice of diction has an integral role in analyzing and conveying the intended meaning of the conditional. Recurrence of the protasis and postponing of the apodosis reinforce and strengthen the pragmatic function conveyed by the conditionals.

Key words: pragmatics, pragmatic functions, functions, speech acts, linguistic context, situational context, illocutionary force.