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SECOND SEMESTER (CUFYUGP) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025			
ISLAMIC HISTORY			
ISH2CJ102 - PRE ISLAMIC ARABIAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE			
2024 Admission onwards			
Maximum Time :2 Hours			Maximum Marks :70
Section A			
All Questions can be answered. Each Question carries 3 marks (Ceiling : 24 Marks)			
1	Describe the role played by frankincense tree in the trade networks of Pre-Islamic Arabia		
2	Explain the ancient writing system developed in the Fertile Crescent		
3	Trace the primary means of transportation used by nomadic tribes in the Arabian desert		
4	Discuss the significance of the Ma'rib Dam for the Sabaean Kingdom		
5	Assess which foreign power played a role in the decline of the Himyarite Kingdom		
6	Name the most powerful Arab kingdoms allied with the Byzantine and Sassanian empires		
7	Sums up the importance of wine to the Jahiliyah Arabs		
8	List out the major Arab markets that served as the cultural hubs		
9	Illustrate how did the Quraysh benefit economically from the religious status of Mecca		
10	Outline the significance of the poet Imrul-Qais in pre-Islamic Arabic poetry		
Section B			
All Questions can be answered. Each Question carries 6 marks (Ceiling : 36 Marks)			
11	Explore the impact of the scarcity of water sources in the distribution of flora in Pre-Islamic Arabia		
12	Examine the main architectural features of Minaean temples and public buildings		
13	Summarise the unique water management systems developed by the Nabateans		
14	Analyse the political relationship between Palmyra and the Roman Empire		
15	Briefly describe the religious affiliations of the Ghassanids and their impact on their alliance with Byzantium		
16	Identify the significance of al-Hira as the capital of the Lakhmid Kingdom		
17	Highlight Mecca as a major religious center before Islam		
18	Evaluate the importance of kinship and lineage in pre-Islamic Arabian society		
Section C			
Answer any ONE .Each Question carries 10 marks (1x10=10 Marks)			
19	Trace the geographical divisions of Arabia and how it affect the life of its inhabitants		
20	Assess the socio-religious conditions of Arabia on the eve of Islam		