FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025

(CBCSS)

Islamic History

ISH 1C 03—HISTORY OF THE CALIPHATE

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

Answers should be written either in English or Malayalam.

Part A (Short Answers)

Answer any **four** questions in not less than 50 words. Each question carries 2 weightage.

- 1. Tariq bin Ziyad.
- 2. Qutayba ibn Muslim.
- 3. The Dome of the Rock.
- 4. Hunayn ibn Ishaq.
- 5. Madinat al-Salam.
- 6. Abu al-Hasan al-Ash'ari.
- 7. Magians.

 $(4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ weightage})$

Part B (Short Essay)

Answer any **four** questions in not less than 150 words. Each question carries 3 weightage.

- 8. Analyse the political career of Mu'awiyah and his role in establishing the Umayyad Caliphate.
- 9. Explain the Arabicization of the administration under Abdul Malik ibn Marwan.
- 10. Describe the administrative and religious policies of Caliph Umar II.

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- 11. Assess the role of the Khurasanians in the downfall of the Umayyads.
- 12. Evaluate the influence of Persian culture on Abbasid administration and literature.
- 13. Highlight the main features of Abbasid architecture.
- 14. Summarise the fundamental ideologies of the Isma'ilites, Qaramatians, and the Assassins.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ weightage})$

Part C (Long Essay)

Answer any **two** questions in not less than 450 words. Each question carries 5 weightage.

- 15. Examine the military expansion of the Umayyad Caliphate under Walid I with reference to the conquests in Central Asia, Sind, and Spain.
- 16. Discuss the causes for the decline and fall of the Umayyad dynasty.
- 17. Illustrate the intellectual awakening under the Abbasids with special reference to Bayt al-Hikmah.
- 18. Analyse the theological and sectarian developments under the Abbasids.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$