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

(CBCSS)

Islamic History

ISH 3E 05—ISLAM AND ORIENTALISM

(2021 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. Define “the idea of East” in Orientalist thought.
2. List out the contribution of the Crusades to Orientalism.
3. Explain Orientalism as a Eurocentric ideology.
4. Mention the purpose of establishing Arabic Chairs at Western universities.
5. Summarize the concept of “Oriental Despotism” as discussed by Karl Marx.
6. Discuss the European representation of the Ottomans as “the other”.
7. Briefly explain the contribution of Kenneth Cragg to Orientalist scholarship.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay)

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

8. Explore the historical background of Orientalist studies.
9. Identify the role of Ottoman Empire in shaping European views of Islam.
10. Illustrate the contributions of Max Weber to Orientalism.

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11. Describe the Orientalist portrayal of Islamic culture and scholarship.
12. Analyse the relationship between Orientalist knowledge and colonial power dynamics.
13. Outline the views of A.L. Tibawi on Orientalist distortions of Islamic history.
14. Trace the contributions of early twentieth-century Orientalists like Philip K. Hitti and Kenneth Cragg.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C (Long Essay)

Answer any two questions in not less than 450 words.

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Critically assess the ideological foundations and development of Orientalism.
16. Examine the role of European travel narratives in constructing the idea of the East.
17. Assess the major themes on the East in the works of Ernest Renan, Spengler, and Weber.
18. Evaluate the influence of Edward Said's *Orientalism* on modern Islamic and postcolonial studies.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)