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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026**

(CBCSS)

Islamic History

ISH2C01—MUSLIM POLITY IN MEDIEVAL AGE

(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. State the foundation of the early capital of the Fatimids in North Africa.
2. Mention the significance of the mosque established by Jawhar in Cairo.
3. Indicate the religious ideology followed by the Buwayhids.
4. Specify the importance of the battle of Manzikert.
5. Make a note on the capture of Jerusalem by the Crusaders.
6. Elaborate the emergence of Zangids.
7. Summarize the shifting of Caliphate from Abbasids to Ottomans.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay)*Answer any four questions in not less than 150 words.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Assess how the Ismaili influence spread across North Africa.
9. Evaluate the establishment of al-Azhar as a centre of learning.

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10. Trace the foundation and expansion of the Ghaznavid Empire.
11. Explain the significance of the Battle of Hattin in the Crusading period.
12. Analyse the contributions of Baybars and Qalawun in the defeat of the Crusaders.
13. Highlight the social and cultural contacts between Muslims and Crusaders.
14. Describe the significance of the Battle of Marj Dabiq in Ottoman expansion.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C (Long Essay)

*Answer any **two** questions in not less than 450 words.*

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Discuss the foundation and establishment of the Fatimid Caliphate in Egypt.
16. Examine the administrative contributions of Nizam al-Mulk.
17. Critically analyse the causes behind the outbreak of the Crusades.
18. Elaborate the origin and establishment of the Mamluk dynasty in Egypt.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)