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THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2026

(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 weightage 2.

1. Define Orientalism.
2. Briefly explain the contribution of Marco Polo to the European understanding of the East.
3. List out the main features of the Crusaders' image of Islam.
4. Evaluate the relation between Orientalism and Colonial Power.
5. Discuss Karl Marx's concept of "Oriental Despotism"
6. State the main idea behind Max Weber's "sociology of Islam."
7. Enumerate the contributions of A.L. Tibawi to the critique of Orientalism.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay)

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

8. Describe the origin of Orientalism.
9. Explain the Arab-Muslim contribution to Europe's intellectual heritage.
10. Analyse the image of the Ottoman Empire in European writings.

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11. Examine the critiques of Orientalism by Anouar Abdel-Malek and its relevance today.

12. Assess the contribution of Philip K. Hitti to the study of Islamic civilization.

13. Explain the basic arguments of Edward Said's *Orientalism*.

14. Discuss the impact of Orientalist writings on Western perception of Islam.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C (Long Essay)

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

15. Trace the historical evolution of Orientalism and its implications for the understanding of Islam.

16. Outline the Orientalist construction of the "East" and its political motives.

17. Assess the views of major early twentieth-century Orientalists such as Watt, Cragg, and Gibb on Islam and its Prophet.

18. Critically analyse Edward Said's critique of Orientalism and its intellectual impact.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)