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

(CBCSS)

Islamic History

ISH 3C 01—THE OTTOMAN TURKEY AND THE SAFAVID PERSIA

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours Maximum : 30 Weightage

Answers should be written **either** *in English* **or** *Malayalam.*

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

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

1. State the significance of Bursa in the early development of the Ottoman state.
2. Mention the significance of the Ottoman victory at the Battle of Chaldiran.
3. Make a note on the origin of Janissaries.
4. Specify the major territorial consequences of the Treaty of Karlowitz.
5. Identify the objectives of the military reforms of Mahmud II.
6. Indicate the origin of the Safavid dynasty.
7. List the major architectural monuments developed under Shah Abbas I at Isfahan.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay Questions)

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

8. Describe the role of Muhammad I in rebuilding the Ottoman Empire after the Interregnum.
9. Examine the eastern expansion of the Ottoman Empire under Selim I and its consequences for the Islamic world.
10. Elaborate the contributions of the Koprulu family to the revival of Ottoman military power.

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11. Outline the principal objectives of the Tanzimat reforms.

12. Illustrate the role of Sharif Hussein and Faisal in the Arab Revolt.

13. Summarise the major military, administrative and economic contributions of Shah Abbas I.

14. Trace the course of Ottoman-Safavid rivalry with special reference to the Battle of Chaldiran and the Peace of Amasya.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C (Long Essay Questions)

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

15. Evaluate the role of Muhammad II in transforming the Ottoman state into a major imperial power, with special reference to the conquest of Constantinople.

16. Discuss the transition of the Ottoman Empire from territorial expansion to defensive diplomacy in the aftermath of the seventeenth-century crises.

17. Critically examine the Young Turk movement and the political developments of the Second Constitutional Era from 1908 to 1918.

18. Assess the significance of Safavid religious policy in establishing and consolidating Twelver Shia Islam in Iran.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)