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

(CBCSS)

Islamic History

ISH 3C 02—MUSLIM CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE

(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 principal function of an *ijazah* in the Islamic educational tradition.
2. Define the institution of *waqf* and its educational significance.
3. Identify the major contribution of Basra to Islamic intellectual life.
4. Specify the important contribution of Al-Biruni to the study of Indian culture.
5. List the principles associated with Islamic concepts of human rights.
6. Indicate the major function of Arabic as a medium of scientific communication.
7. Highlight the factors associated with the decline of knowledge in the Muslim world.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay Questions)

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

8. Explain the Quranic encouragement towards observation, reflection and the pursuit of knowledge.
9. Examine the responsibilities of teachers and students in the Islamic educational tradition.
10. Explore the intellectual significance of Kufa during the Umayyad period.

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11. Elaborate the contributions of the Kharijites, Murji'ites and Shi'ah to early Islamic thought.

12. Enumerate the contributions of Muslim scholars to astronomy.

13. Estimate the major arguments advanced by al-Ghazali in his criticism of Greek philosophy.

14. Extract the contribution of Arabic poetry and prose to the development of Islamic literary culture.

(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 intellectual significance of the Islamic pursuit of knowledge and its influence on the development of Muslim civilisation.

16. Elucidate the cultural contributions of the Umayyad period in the fields of architecture, painting and music and evaluate itd significance in the evolution of Islamic culture.

17. Assess Ibn Khaldun's contribution to sociology and the study of human society.

18. Discuss the contemporary intellectual challenges facing the Muslim world.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)